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BOARD EDITORIALS

Universal Relations

■ A systemwide amorous relations policy like the one that BOG Chairman Sam Neill is looking to enact must be constructed with caution.

New UNC Board of Governors Chairman Sam Neill is eager to clean up some unsavory affairs, but his plans to create a universal amorous relations policy for all 16 campuses shouldn't be rushed.

Though a good idea, this policy should not be created as a knee-jerk reaction to the cases involving former UNC-CH Professor James Williams and two former dance teachers at the N.C. School of the Arts.

These two incidents brought the issue of faculty-student relationships to light, but a systemwide policy shouldn't be hurriedly assembled to appease critics who believe liberal arts universities are a site of wide-spread sexual misconduct.

The BOG should provide open forums where all points of view can be discussed and debated. After receiving input from all 16 universities, it should instruct the universities to come up with individual policies with which they feel comfortable. Making sure students, faculty and administrators are operating in a non-intimidating academic environment is far more important than a rushed effort at damage control.

Neill has taken steps in the right direction by announcing a plan to establish a commission to investigate the allegations of sexual misconduct at NCSA, and asking each school to review its policies concerning faculty-student relationships.

The BOG also needs to look at other policies, such as the one at the University of Virginia, to determine which parts of those policies are effective.

Each university, in enacting its own policy, needs to consider the enforceability of such a policy and to what degree a University should intrude on the personal lives of its employees.

If the BOG were to force all 16 schools to adhere to a single policy handed down from upon high, it would undermine the 18 months of work that faculty, students and administrators spent developing the policy at the Chapel Hill campus.

The UNC-CH policy prohibits faculty members or other instructional staff from initiating or pursuing amorous or sexual relationships with students whom they are in a position to evaluate or instruct. It would be a shame to see the policy, which was created specifically for this University, thrown to the wayside for an under-researched, reactionary policy.

The UNC system, albeit exceptional in many regards, is not an exception to what goes on in society. We do need some sort of policy that keeps people in positions of power from making their students feel uncomfortable, but any such policy must be well thought out so it protects rights, not infringes upon them.

EDITORIAL NOTEBOOK Chris Yates

Casualties of Indecision

Robert Frasure, Joseph Kruzel, Samuel Drew. Set aside your bundle of collegiate concerns and give these men a moment of your time.

These men, along with a French soldier, died as their vehicle ran off a rain-soaked road and exploded. Before the world forgets about this latest Balkan disaster and leaders continue their pretend policies on Bosnia, we should consider the lives of these men, why they died and what that means.

As peace negotiators, Frasure, Kruzel, and Drew were actually en route to Sarajevo with a new U.S. peace plan when they became casualties of chance and the conflict they were determined to end.

Their lives were at risk the moment they stepped into the Balkans. Very few of us have the ability or will to recognize evil and do something about it like these men were doing. Moreover, because it is always the best people who are sent to the most dangerous situations, their deaths

represent a great loss of knowledge and experience. The expertise and skill of these men cannot be replaced.

I say these things not as a springboard for launching a policy-in-Bosnia opinion, and not to pretend to be the only concerned American on campus, but in hopes of fastening a piece of thought to your memories of the three diplomats who died. It has been almost four years since the life of an American official was lost in the Balkans. Suddenly, three are gone. Their deaths may not have come from the fire of Serb weapons, but certainly from the circumstances of the conflict.

Let's not forget these men, each of whom had ties to the Triangle. I imagine Samuel Drew once sat in the Pit as an undergrad and cursed the August heat as we do. I am sure Kruzel and Frasure left marks as well during time at Duke as a professor and a student, respectively.

Let's not forget people are still dying for the initiatives of America.

Tar Heel Quotables

"I can't afford to not have smoking in here."
Henderson Street Bar & Grill Owner Kevin Clyde
 On his refusal to comply with Orange County's new smoking ban.

"Tuition increases can be used to build roads and prisons. This money can be invested in teachers, libraries and access for people with need to the University."
Student Body President Calvin Cunningham
 On why a \$400 tuition increase would be beneficial.

"Usually the police just wait across the street and watch, but this time they were coming up to people with flashlights, looking at their identifications and what they were drinking."
Sophomore Ginny Smith of Charlotte
 On the strict law enforcement at the annual pre-school party at Frat Court.

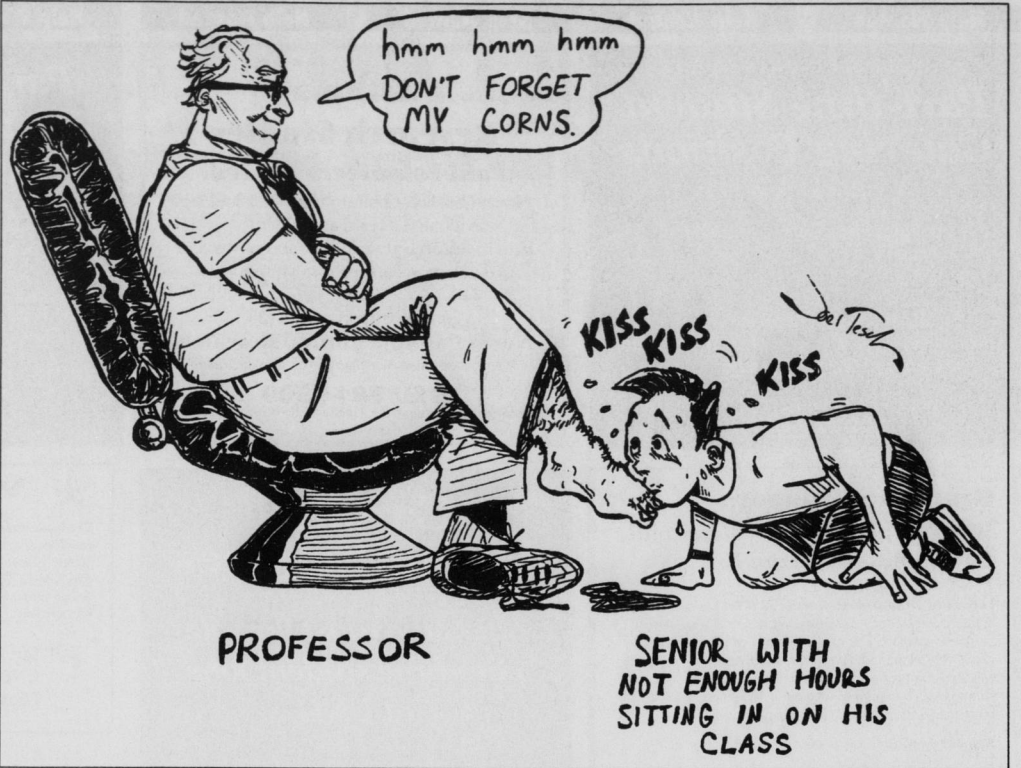
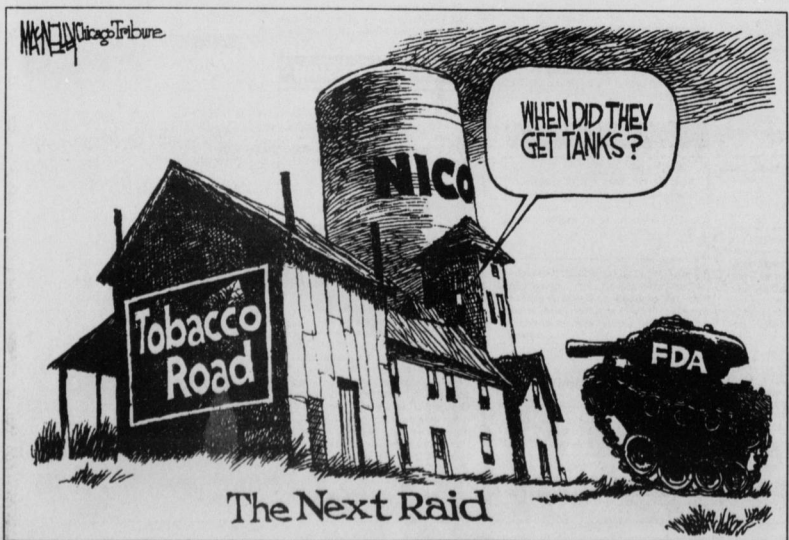
"I will miss the University. It's like a little city within Chapel Hill."
Former University Police Officer Keith Williams
 On her last day at work after negotiating a \$327,000 settlement to an eight-year discrimination suit.

"My son's in Haiti; my daughter is in hell."
Ed Faulkner, father of Shannon Faulkner
 When asked what his children were doing after his daughter dropped out of The Citadel's core of cadets.

"My parents just wanted to name me something different, I think, and I think Kivvusama really is something different; it's not something you hear every day."
UNC linebacker Kivvusama ("kuh-vuy-You-sub-muh") Mays
 On his name, which may prove fatal for the announcer at Kenan Stadium.

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Manifest Destiny and the Prophets of Motown

With nowhere left to go this summer and seriously in need of some spiritual guidance, I turned to the good book: the Bible of Motown. After reading the Book of Temptations, the Book of (Stevie) Wonder and the Book of (Smokey Robinson & the) Miracles, I contemplated the following verse in the Book of Marvin: "Mercy, mercy me; things ain't what they used to be."

Ain't that the truth. There was something special, almost magical, about being young. Back in the day, the middle of August meant it was time for a new lunchbox and things couldn't get any better than that.

Okay, maybe there are things better than new lunchboxes, like when you're walking through a mimefield and nobody is trapped in an imaginary glass box.

Or when you get a new lunchbox and Elle McPherson — or Brad Pitt if you're of the other persuasion — climbs out of it and says that since you're the billionth person to buy a lunchbox you get to take her home.

It didn't have to be Elle McPherson, of course. At that age, it could have been a clown making balloon animals, some guy in a Scooby Doo costume, or who cares what else. Speaking of Scooby Doo, I don't think that show really would have taken off without Shaggy. But I digress.

The point is that there was a time when we didn't worry about classes starting again. Not that there's any reason to worry now. Unless you're a freshman.

Seriously, freshmen, don't believe those rumors about easy, entry-level classes. I'm really working for you people because I know you have so little going for you.

For example, you have to live in dorms, can speak only when you're spoken to, must admit to being freshmen and on top of all that, your

parents don't really love you.

Anyway, what I'm getting at is the message of the Bible of Motown: sometimes we need to recapture our youth. There was a time when summer vacation meant playing with your friends and going to camp, but not any more.

Forget everything you've ever heard about family cookouts and firecrackers and churning buttermilk (Amish only) and eating watermelons and all that crap, and dammit, look at me when I'm talking to you.

I'm not trying to say that summertime isn't fun or exciting or anything like that.

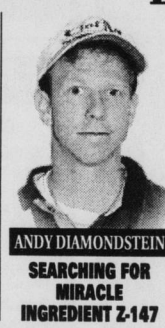
Hell, in mid-July I was catapulted from a giant slingshot over the Great Wall of China, my fall cushioned only by moist, tender brownies and light, flaky flapjacks. Then, I circumnavigated the globe in a kayak, subsisting only on raw fish, granola bars and Tang. Now that's adventure.

That's also obviously a big lie but so is life sometimes.

I'll write something later that's not a lie and you can compare the two. Read on.

This may sound extremely immature but there is something about having to go to work every day that just kind of sucks. Why can't everybody just stay at home, act like kids and watch cartoons for a living?

I think that since the United States is the most powerful country in the world, Americans should be allowed to goof off whenever they want. Our



ANDY DIAMONDSTEIN

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national motto could be, "We have big guns. Give us all your food and money or we'll shoot you." Sure it's not as heartwarming as "In God We Trust" or "Live Free or Die," but they — free food.

Not that I really think Americans should shoot anybody.

It would be much better to annex territories so it's more like we're convincing other countries to just sort of give us their land. This may sound imperialist, but we should consider taking Canada first.

There are several reasons why this would be a good thing.

First, Canadian bacon could be a big hit at all-you-can-eat breakfast buffets. Second, Molson Ice.

Third, "O Canada" plus karaoke night at He's Not Here equals fun, fun, fun. Besides, once we have Canada, it's just a hop, skip and a jump to Greenland.

Back to the point. When the Prophet Marvin said, "Things ain't what they used to be," he wasn't talking about being younger. He was talking about a time when the oceans were clean and people cooperated. Some were hunters, some were gatherers. Plain and simple.

All of this is haphazardly leading toward Miracle Ingredient Z-147, that mythical bit of karma that's someday going to align the planets, allowing meaningful contact with all forms of life. Perhaps we might find it.

Maybe it's mythical because nobody believes it exists.

You have to believe, though. One day, it's going to give us a world that wouldn't make Marvin say, "Mercy, mercy me."

It might even get Elle to jump out of my brand-new Legends of Motown lunchbox.

Andy Diamondstein is a senior journalism major from Scottsdale, Ariz.

Right-Wing Attitudes Towards Homosexuals Illogical

TO THE EDITOR: The right wing's attitude about homosexuality is illogical and contradictory. They rail against gay promiscuity but refuse to sanction same-sex marriages.

They insist that gay teachers and parents pose a threat to children, while gay youth, in the absence of role models, kill themselves in record numbers.

And they denounce a condition that is present in almost all species as "unnatural."

If their intent is to eliminate homosexuality from the realm of innate human behavior, I suggest they try something more worthwhile and more possible, like rigging the sun to rise in the West.

William C. Stosine
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 INTERNET READER

Campus, National Group Working to Help Environment

The author is one of the organizers of the 1995 SEAC National Conference.

TO THE EDITOR: What is environmentalism?

According to Webster's Dictionary, an environmentalist is one who is dedicated to preserving the natural environment — natural implying trees, animals, plants and a host of other things excluding humankind.

Unfortunately, the world is not as neat as a dictionary.

In "Cancer Alley," Louisiana, multinational corporations built their factories in poor minority communities. Ask these residents who have cancer rates 400 times higher than the national average whether racism and environmental issues are related.

Ask the residents of Brownsville, Texas, a place where babies are born without brains due to the dioxins in the water, whether racism, sexism and environmentalism are related. The hardest-hit areas have been poor Latino communities along the Rio Grande. Ask the housekeepers on our own campus whether these connections exist.

The Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) works to broaden the traditional definition of the environmental.

As one New York Times article stated, SEAC is a "move to protect communities as well as trees."

SEAC views all social issues such as racism, sexism and heterosexism as being fundamen-



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tally connected to the health of our environment.

SEAC will be hosting its fourth national conference October 13-15 on our campus.

What began as a small ad in Greenpeace Magazine placed by students from UNC has now grown to a network of 2,200 high schools and colleges.

SEAC's second national conference, Catalyst, attracted more than 7,600 students from across the country with speakers like Jesse Jackson, Helen Caldicott and Robert Redford.

This conference promises to be no less exciting. Invited speakers include Myrlie Evers-Williams of the NAACP, Speech from Arrested Development, Vandana Shiva of the Third World Network and Cecilia Rodriguez from the National Commission for Democracy. Invited musical guests include Rage Against the Machine.

A national Conference here in Chapel Hill, the birthplace of SEAC, will help our campus rediscover environmentalism.

SEACers across the country work on a variety of issues.

SEAC Southwest is working with the San Carlos Apache in the preservation of their sacred land.

SEACers in the New England area worked to help stop the construction of the James Bay Hydro-Quebec Dam, where sacred lands of the Cree Indians were at risk. SEAC also sponsors several fellowships which place college and high school students of color as paid interns in community-based organizations led by people of color.

Environmentalism is not about whether you are a Democrat, Republican, Socialist or Fas-

cist; it is not about politics.

With a polluted environment everyone suffers. The fallout from Chernobyl reached as far away as Greenland.

The fires from the Gulf War affected the yield of rice in Thailand.

Every living being has the right to clean air and water.

For more information on becoming a part of the most exciting event this fall, contact the local SEAC office at 962-5453 or the national office at 967-4600.

Gopal Balachandran
 JUNIOR
 BIOCHEMISTRY

Medical School Advice Changes With the Times

TO THE EDITOR:

Dean Berryhill, dean of the Medical School back in the 50s, would probably roll over in his grave if he could see the full circle we have come in medical care delivery. Back in the 50s, it was no secret they did not want any of us going into general practice. Two pieces of advice were passed along when I graduated medical school in 1955: Specialize and stay liberal. I did neither.

I, along with a few brave mavericks, went into general practice. Even the Academy of General Practice felt degraded; so, in the 60s, they changed the name to family practice and added a three-year residency requirement so that internists would not snub us at get-togethers.

Things have changed a lot in the past 40 years. Now the medical schools and their bed partners, the federal government, are promoting generalists or family practice. What a joke.

Before the changing of the guard last year I received a very warm letter from Dean Bondurant: Dear Jim, We are shooting for 50 percent generalists. Please continue to send generous contributions.

Dean Berryhill, rest well. I don't think you would like the direction medicine has taken.

James D. Grosseclose, M.D.
 RANDLEMAN, N.C.

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