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Remember Rabin by Forging Peace

Israel's murdered prime minister led a life dedicated to peace. His violent death is a reason to press even harder for tranquility in the Middle East.

One day after the burial of Israel's Yitzhak Rabin, world leaders and ordinary people are wondering if the land of milk and honey will become the land of blood and tears.

Rabin, Israel's former prime minister, was shot by an Israeli law student who opposed his peacemaking strategies. The intense emotions and controversial political initiatives highlighting the Middle East region emerge from reactions to the 1993 peace accord and the central conflict over land that belonged to the Arab nations before the Seven Day War in 1967.

Yesterday saw a host of world leaders gathered to bid farewell to a friend and ally. As Rabin's life charted a course through the roles of soldier, politician, statesman and prime minister, he won respect as a leader who acknowledged risks and remained committed to his endeavors. After repeatedly distinguishing himself as a soldier and becoming Israel's top expert on military matters, Rabin was appointed ambassador to the United States in 1968. His entry into national politics arrived in 1973 as he was elected to the post of minister of labor, and one year later, at age 52, he became Israel's fifth and youngest prime minister.

Negotiation of the critical disengagement of Israeli and Egyptian forces from the Sinai came under his direction and paved the way for the Camp David accords. As defense minister, in 1986 he oversaw the removal of Israeli forces from Lebanon, despite widespread opposition. Inherent in his movement toward taking the office of prime minister for a second term in 1992 was an underlying appeal for a new vision — a vision inspired by what he believed to be a mandate for peace.

Coming to terms with the Palestinians would mean setting aside differences with a mortal enemy and speaking for a recommitment to the concept of a Jewish state. The post-cold war PLO found itself deprived of military, diplomatic and financial support. Rabin joined forces

with Labor Party colleague and long-time political rival, Shimon Peres, in maneuvers toward an agreement. "The time for peace has come," Rabin declared, "Enough of blood and tears. Enough." Taking Israel closer to peace meant widening the schism between his popular support and those who opposed his initiatives.

Israel has been involved in a battle over the Golan Heights and Galilee, two areas on the borders of Israel that were under Palestinian rule. For 26 years, lives had been lost on both sides of the fence. But September 1993 witnessed the meeting of Rabin and Yasser Arafat in Washington, D.C. to sign the first of many peace agreements that would lead to some form of harmony in Israel.

Rabin wanted this bloodshed to end and began to pursue agreements with the Arab nations surrounding Israel. He was ready to negotiate "a piece of land for a piece of peace" and intended to give the land back that Israel had won in the Seven Day War, if the Palestinians agreed to leave Israel and its people alone. Many right-wing Israelis, such as Benjamin Netanyahu, member of the opposing party, have not agreed with Rabin's tactics. They believe that the land belongs to the Jewish people and aren't as willing to give it back to the Arab nations even if it means peace.

Now Shimon Peres must continue Rabin's legacy as a diplomat and preserve the Palestinian relations that Rabin created. Coming to terms with the Palestinians remains a goal articulated by Rabin's vision to "live together on the same soil in the same land... to open a new chapter... of mutual recognition, of good neighborliness, of mutual respect, of understanding."

Irony played a part in Rabin's death as he was killed by the same hatred and extremist views that he tried to change.

His efforts must not be forgotten, and the bloodshed caused by his assassination must not be continued.

Nothing Left to Do But Vote

In a community in which town and University have been linked from the very beginning, it's always important that each part of the community has an important part in every decision.

Today, Election Day for local offices, is one of those times. In each ordinance they craft and in each development they approve, the Chapel Hill and Carrboro town governments influence the lives of the University community as well as of the local residents. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. People can vote for mayor of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, Chapel Hill Town Council, Carrboro Board of Aldermen and Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education.

A coalition of students, including the NAACP, student government, Senior Corps and the Young Democrats, has held registration drives, plastered the campus with fliers and gone door-to-door to educate students about candidates' platforms and poll site locations.

Today, the coalition will provide transportation to and from poll sites in the community. Drivers will be stationed in front of Chase Dining Hall from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and in front of the Circus Room from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Be sure to take advantage of their work. If you are not registered to vote, go to the last poll site at which you voted, obtain a transfer form, then go to the Chapel Hill Police Department and cast your ballot. If you don't know where your poll site is, stop by the information table in the

Pit to find out where you should vote or to get answers to any other questions.

In the next few years, both Chapel Hill and Carrboro officials will be making tough decisions on growth, safety and other issues that directly and indirectly affect the University. It's crucial that officials have input from all sides on all issues. Today, you can start giving them that input.

Please remember The Daily Tar Heel endorsements when you go to the polls today.

- Chapel Hill Mayor**
- Kevin Foy
- Chapel Hill Town Council**
- Mark Chilton
- Joe Capowski
- Richard Franck
- Scott Radway
- Carrboro Mayor**
- Randy Marshall
- Carrboro Board of Aldermen**
- Jay Bryan
- Alex Zaffron
- Hilliard Caldwell
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education**
- Bill Elstran
- Nicholas Didow
- Elizabeth Carter
- Harvey Goldstein
- Ken Touw



In Political Realm, Tarantino, Stone Have It Right

I don't like to write politically. For the most part, politics is cheapened ideology, and ideology is a lot like religion in that both are best left for Sunday mornings (either in church or on the couch watching "Meet the De-Presssed." Every dogma shall have its day). However, recent events in my life have forced me into a period of deep political reflection, and I have decided to go off on a political tangent from my normally calm and serene self.

It all started about a week ago. I was sitting in the Pit, minding my own business and listening to the Campus Crusade for Christ, when suddenly, I was overcome with the urge to read something political. I meandered over to Student Stores and joined the omnipresent throng of bibliophiles browsing through magazines on the "Please purchase before reading" rack. Soon I was as content as a swine before slop (or pearls).

Hmmm, so many choices. The Economist? Too dry. Yellow Silk? Too wet. Atlantic Monthly? Too pretentious? National Review? Too orthodox. The Advocate? As if... Playboy? Been there, done that.

Bam! Then it hit me: I had to have the Weekly Standard, a sleek new right-wing publication headed by Bill Kristol (who formerly served his country as Dan Quayle's surrogate brain — a tough job even for a Harvard Ph.D.). If I didn't get a copy of the Standard soon, I was going to build a 200-foot wall around my dorm and pay Pat Buchanan to stand naked at the top screaming "storin' dead niggers ain't my fuckin' business" in his best Tarantino voice — or something equally ridiculous. Well call up Pat, 'cause they didn't have a copy.

At first, I simply brushed it off. After all, someone else could conceivably have snuck in before me and purchased every copy. But then I realized they haven't carried an issue of the Standard all semester (insert suspenseful theme music).

Before launching into my Stanley Kubrick motif and hustlin' up some droogs, I reminded myself to be rational, but the more I pondered, the angrier I got. Why couldn't a bookstore filled with every conceivable possible magazine (and

then some) manage to scrounge up a copy of an intelligent (and relevant) journal of political commentary? Oh, yez, of cozz, it would ruin their reputation ...

I mean, seriously, if you're gonna carry the Lesbian Review of Books ("I'm sorry Darleen, but I give that novel a fist down"), Playgirl and Soap Star Hair, is something with a point too much to ask? Then again, much could be explained by switching directions (and directors) from Kubrick to Oliver Stone: IT'S ALL A CONSPIRACY!

Sure it's a conspiracy, since no one person could conjure up all the laughable things that happen on campus by themselves. Of course they carry the "Establishment Man's Establishment" National Review, not to mention the "We sling more mud than an epileptic pig" American Spectator, but a solid, lucid neo-conservative position "ist verboten."

Since this event pushed me to the verge of my good nature and self control, I have decided to foist upon my readers two pieces of unsolicited evidence of my true political stripes. Be afraid, be very afraid: I'm gonna git political on yo' ass.

First, I think the whole housekeeper/SEAC march thing has gotten a little ridiculous. All sorts of groups reciting all sorts of pithy sayings seemed nice enough until the novelty wore off, but now the self-proclaimed door-to-door distributors of social justice seem happier to mill about and talk loudly rather than finding the proverbial "big stick" (sort of like a pep rally with no game, but that's not necessarily bad).

The slogans are the best: "It's a small planet unless you have to clean it." "Trun don't clean it! (It was obvious that the crunchy white man waving the sign slaved away for hours every day just to make ends meet).

Even better is the clamoring for a fair wage. What's a fair wage? Nobody wants to answer



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this question. Honestly, are you arguing that the value of labor should be determined à la Marx to eliminate the exploitation of surplus labor, or does the state of North Carolina artificially inflate the supply of cheap labor in order to keep the free market equilibrium wage low? Oh, you've never heard of surplus value or the free market. I'm sorry, I mistook you for a thinking being. My apologies, I promise it won't happen again.

Another issue that gets my cotton French-cut panties in a wad is this Oxfam fast-day designed to promote solidarity with starving peoples around the world. Do you remember when your parents used to guilt trip you into eating everything on your plate by saying "think of the starving children?" Yeah, well some people still actually believe it.

Not eating for one day is supposed to let all of us know what it feels like to go through life underfed and malnourished? Chal! Somehow, avoiding Lenoir or consumer-Heaven Franklin Street while thinking damn I'd like a burger isn't the same as waking up everyday to a fouled harvest or to an irrigation-less desert. Besides, if I don't eat, I get even more fun to be around.

In fact, we should all go out and eat more just to bolster our economy, which promotes research and more efficient means of food-production. So instead of fasting, treat yourself to an extra Pizza Hut pizza, and take a friend or your droogs!

Of course, Oliver Stone and I could be wrong about the conspiracy theories. Maybe a lot of people just have the same bad ideas simultaneously.

But there's something in the air that's making people sick, and it's not my flu germs. Be careful. You can start by picking up a copy of the Standard, but you'll have to go off campus.

And remember, the conspiracy is so secret that you can be a member and not even know it. Don't let them control you. As a wise man once told me, it's not paranoia if they're real.

Tadd Wilson is a senior English major from Charlotte who has trouble separating "This Week With David Brinkley" from "The X Files." Hey, Sulley and Cokie look a lot alike!

Candidate Foy Will Guide Inevitable Growth of Town

TO THE EDITOR:

To quote a line from "Field of Dreams," "Build it and they will come."

We all know this is happening in Chapel Hill, and we know the town will continue to grow and change. However, the town has a mayoral candidate, Kevin Foy, who is genuinely concerned about keeping in the forefront what makes Chapel Hill special.

Our future mayor will need good negotiating skills and good business skills to help the town proceed through a lot more developmental challenges. I think Kevin Foy possesses those skills.

The mayor should also exhibit genuine concern for providing housing for low-income families who work in this area, adequate school rooms to accommodate our growing number of school-age children, the inevitable and worsening traffic problems, and environmental concerns including water supplies, flooding and storm water management. These are some of the critical issues facing Chapel Hill, and I believe Kevin Foy will intelligently tackle them.

I'm sure Kevin Foy has the prerequisite skills that will enable him to be an outstanding mayor. His training as a lawyer and experience as a businessman, coupled with his environmental orientation and his ability to listen to people and think in realistic terms, gives the town an excellent opportunity to elect a mayor qualified to address the challenges of the future.

John Anderson
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School Board Candidate Carter Deserving of Support

Editor's Note: The author is an incumbent candidate for Chapel Hill Town Council.

TO THE EDITOR:

I am once again very excited that The Daily Tar Heel is encouraging its readers to vote. I founded Student for Voter Registration some years ago and have always encouraged students to vote.

However, one error was included in your endorsements for school board. You omitted Elizabeth Carter. Ms. Carter has been hard at



READERS' FORUM

The Daily Tar Heel welcomes reader comments and criticism. Letters to the editor should be no longer than 400 words and must be typed, double-spaced, dated and signed by no more than two people. Students should include their year, major and phone number. Faculty and staff should include their title, department and phone number. The DTH reserves the right to edit letters for length, clarity and vulgarity. Bring letters to the DTH office at Suite 104, Carolina Union, mail them to P.O. Box 3257, Chapel Hill, NC 27515 or e-mail forum to dth@unc.edu.

work on school overcrowding, student-teacher ratios, the performance of minority students and many other pressing issues.

DTH readers, please join me in voting for Elizabeth Carter.

Mark Chilton
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Energy Outweighs Experience In Chapel Hill Mayoral Race

TO THE EDITOR:

I am disturbed in watching the Chapel Hill mayoral race that there has been such an emphasis on juxtaposing the two candidates' experience. Rosemary Waldorf has been presented as "experienced" and therefore a better choice for mayor. However, as I recall, neither Ken Brown nor Eleanor Kinnaird — the fine current mayors of Chapel Hill and Carrboro — had any government experience before they were elected.

In choosing whom I will vote for in the mayoral election, I am going to look at the candidates' experience, but I am going to question what that experience means. I'm not sure that a career politician is what's needed right now in Chapel Hill. I'd rather see someone without government experience, but with experience in other fields, if that means we can have a person

with a fresh voice, creative ideas and new energy leading the town. I'm voting for Kevin Foy.

Philip Godwin
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Today Is Students' Chance To Affect World Around Them

Editor's Note: The authors are the student body president and vice president.

TO THE EDITOR:

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! As students, we have a significant interest in town politics both in Chapel Hill and in Carrboro. We can be a formidable constituency in Town Council and Board of Aldermen decision making — if we get out today and vote.

Bus fare and bus pass costs are annually reviewed — and there is continuous pressure to raise them. Students should consider supporting candidates that have vowed to hold down these rates.

Another critical issue facing students is the affordability of housing near the University. Only with a firm mandate from student constituents will the town be inclined to designate space for less expensive housing that students can afford.

Recent open-container laws in both Carrboro and Chapel Hill that punish students with a stiff sanction for simply holding an open can of beer is another issue. Proponents of the measures have cited their desire to curb violence. Students should judge for themselves whether the laws serve that purpose, and then vote accordingly.

A coalition of groups will be directing students to the polls around 10 a.m. Don't know where you're supposed to go? Check with the Voter Registration Center in the Pit to find out where you vote. Look for district maps in the residence halls that point you to your poll site. For information on the candidates, turn to the voter guides that The Daily Tar Heel has put together and that the coalition will be distributing.

Don't miss this chance to make a difference.

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