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A Night of Strength

■ Tonight women have the opportunity to lean on and support one another. Take Back the Night sends a message that UNC will not accept sexual terrorism.

Tonight the annual Take Back the Night March will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Pit. Not only is this a chance for women at UNC to empower themselves and fight violence, it is a chance for the female majority of our student body to make the statement that it will not allow UNC to be an unsafe place for those who are such a vital part of it.

It is easy to get caught up in the day-to-day responsibilities of being a student and neglect extracurricular events. Rape Awareness Week, presented by the executive branch's Women's Issues Committee, has given women at UNC a chance to get involved in an issue that greatly affects their gender on a local level. On a campus where date rape is a frighteningly active reality, awareness and participation are vital. According to a 1986 study done by the UNC School of Journalism, one in three UNC women will be the victim of an actual or attempted rape before she graduates. Of those, 87 percent will know her assailant.

It is not enough for us to talk about rape. We must confront it. In a state in which only about

6.5 percent of rapes actually committed are reported, there is a clear message being sent to victims that their claims will not be believed.

In one survey, over half the men interviewed said they would force a woman to have sex with them if they knew they wouldn't get caught. In the same survey, only 30 percent of men said they would rape a woman if they knew they wouldn't get caught. This is astounding for two reasons. These men do not care about the emotional consequences of their actions, only the legal consequences. As well, they do not know that rape and forced sex are the same thing. In order to begin to change those numbers we must make it our task to raise our awareness about them.

Despite that this march is a tradition on this campus, each year presents a new opportunity. Although attendance has always been good, it will never be enough until every woman can walk through the arboretum at night without fear. Women, don't deny yourselves the opportunity to join with other women to celebrate strength by reclaiming the darkness.

EDITORIAL NOTEBOOK Baker Burleson

NBA Self Destructing Despite Potential

The National Basketball Association opened its season Friday night amid both promise and turmoil.

On one hand, it will be a season filled with new hopes and old promises. Michael Jordan will play his first full season in three years, and based on his 42-point performance against Charlotte, he is back in his old form. Jerry Stackhouse, a man who just last semester walked among us, is rapidly emerging as the best rookie in the league.

Despite all the talent and excitement the organization has to offer, the NBA seems determined to live on the edge of self-destruction.

The season was nearly canceled over that most popular of professional sports problems: labor and salary disputes. The owners, who learned nothing from watching the baseball labor war, locked out the players for much of the preseason.

When the two sides were near an agreement, some NBA players, who learned even less from the baseball strike than did the guys who write their paychecks, pushed to disband the union and essentially block any sort of labor agreement.

It comes as no surprise that one of the main proponents of disbanding the union was the NBA's greediest player: former Charlotte Horner center Alonzo Mourning. In his quest to become the Barry Bonds of basketball, Mourning forced a team and a city that loved him to trade him.

Zo's open display of greed is bad not only for the Hornets but for the league. It enhances fans' perceptions that NBA players are overpaid whiners with no team loyalty.

While players like Mourning help tarnish the

game's image, the league itself has a whole different problem brewing on the court: NBA referees have been on strike since before the preseason.

Because the two sides are nowhere near an agreement, the league has imported officials from the Continental Basketball Association to call NBA games.

That, folks, is a move on par with Chancellor Michael Hooker bringing in professors from Cape Fear Community College to teach at here at UNC.

The team owners, the players and NBA Commissioner David Stern must prevent the league from traveling down the slippery slope of a strike or another lockout. Just look at what striking did for baseball.

Basketball players could do wonders for the game's reputation by displaying a little loyalty to their team and city rather than the organization offering the biggest paycheck.

Stern and the NBA team owners can show the referees they respect their hard work (and the players' safety) by sitting down and working out an equitable deal for the whistle-blowing men in stripes.

The NBA is a great league, but it would only take a couple of Alonzo Mournings or a few substandard CBA referees to ruin the fun for everyone.

For the Record

In Tuesday's paper, The Daily Tar Heel endorsements for Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board should have read as follows:
Nicholas Didow, Harvey Goldstein, Bill Elstran, Ken Touw and Sandra Johnson Theard.
The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.



If Only It Were Me Programming 'Must See TV,' ...

Must See TV." On the surface, it's a harmless little reminder that NBC Thursday is absolutely fabulous, dah-ling, and what everybody is going to talk about on Friday, Sweetie. Once we submerge ourselves into the real meaning of "Must See TV" with all the passion of a starving grad student, we will see that it is really an Orwellian nightmare of "1984" proportions. Whoa! Let's put two and two together and take five.

Thursday night is just chock full of tears, chuckles, new haircuts, calisthenics, mind control and rats... lots of 'em. "Must See TV" is taking over the nation. If anyone is interested in invading America, Thursday from 8-11 p.m. is a definite time to pencil in. We love these people. They're part of our lives. Last week someone remarked to me, "I hate that Julie-bitch!" and I actually responded, "I'm gonna tell Ross!" This is truly sick.

The point is, we are getting hooked on these shows. We're junkies, and NBC is the dealer. "I need my MSTV!" We are becoming slaves, but we must remember: We don't have to watch. It isn't a "must." Big Peacock is not watching us. We don't have to try to be like these people. They are not the New Order. Sooner or later, those science-types are going to determine that "MSTV" is the leading cause of anorexia, caffeine addiction, the rise of diners, increased singlehood, bloodlust and bongo drum addiction.

So, whadayagonnado? There are two options: 1) Stop watching MSTV (Shudder! Shake!). OK. So there's really only one option: NBC will have to start making shows specific to the region in which they are broadcast. Then we won't have to live up to them... they'll have to be more like us. Simple — and heck, why not the other networks — film episodes for each town in America. JOY! So without further ado, here's the lineup I propose:

"Suitmates": (Story) — The Central Perk Co. moves to Chapel Hill, where reality catches up with them. Since none of them have, like, real jobs, they are forced to pose as undergrads and move into a suite together. Let the fun begin! (Highlights) — In the first episode, Monica locks the bathroom door, Rachel gets lost in Davis library, Chandler stalks Mia Hamm, Phoebe

pledges St. A's and Ross becomes part of the "AD" in B-GLAD.

"Caroline in the College": (Story) — Lea Thompson, unable to find work as a cartoonist, moonlights as the voice of UNC's own wenchstration system. (Highlights) — The first episode deals with a date who gets too fresh: "Access denied. P-L-A-Y requires special approval!"

"The C-Files": (Story) — After chasing ectoplasmic ghouls and xenomorphs, Mulder and Scully take on an even bigger challenge — investigating UNC mysteries. (Season highlights) — Dana and Fox will ponder: Has Silent Sam ever fired his gun? Who was Everywhere Man? Why do alumni leave basketball games so early? Why do departments direct you to departments that direct you back to the department that directed you to that department? (Whew! Say that five times.) Why do professors assign tests the day after Halloween? And most perplexing of all: Why do people go to Dammany Hall?

"Campus Improvement": (Story) — That lovable Tim Taylor moves so his tykes can go to Chapel Hill High and hang out in front of the post office. Taking a job as a chief UNC surveyor, the Tar Heel Tool Man wreaks havoc. (Highlights) — A drunken Tim runs amok in a Bobcat, accidentally cutting the e-mail lines and raising the ire of thousands of cyberjunksies. Dean Smith guest stars as Tim's seldom-seen neighbor Smithie.

"Carolina ALE": (Story) — In the vein of "Mayberry R.F.D.," a lovable, bumbling buffoon tries to keep order in a small North Carolina town. (Highlights) — Officer I.M. Bicycle strip searches the innocent and intimidates the weak in the name of "bud-nippin." Good Ol' I.M.'s got him an itchy trigger finger, so he keeps his rubber glove in his shirt pocket.

"S.H.S.": (Story) — After finishing his residency, Dr. John Carter takes the position of chief



TIM MINER
GUEST COLUMNIST

attending at UNC Student Health Service. Carter's clumsiness and a plethora of med students make for a harrowing time for sickly students. (Highlights) — In the season opener, Carter has his hands full with three cases of Bluecupitis, comatose UNC voters, a ref named Lenny who needs eye surgery and a student leader whose hand is stuck in a cookie jar.

Here are two ideas utilizing the "Muppet Babies" formula:

"Mind-Meld": (Story) — Somehow now in college, Jerry, George, Elaine and Cosmo were big-time Trekkies. (Highlights) — When the Quirky Quartet can't get tickets to see Patrick Stewart, they sign a suicide pact. Their plans to bring about their personal "warp core breaches" are foiled when hallmate Newman informs the RA that they are "engaging their warp drives" after visiting hours.

"Mad About Everything": (Story) — Paul and Jamie are foaming-at-the-mouth campus activists. (Highlights) — The lovebirds become the first UNC students in history to write a letter to the editor about a letter they had previously drafted, published and then become incensed by. The season ends when they put a sticker on Tadd Wilson's pizza box.

The ensuing 15-minute rampage has been pulled by censors and replaced with "Martha Stewart Knows Everything."

"Saturday Night Live": (Story) — Gut the cast and, instead, broadcast live from Time Out! and Hector's for 90 minutes. (Highlights) — A whole new passel of characters, such as "Wobble Boy and Goggle Girl," "Marky Mouth: Politically Incorrect Drunken Ass," Danielle, Riot Grrrl and Billy.

Well, that's about it. Different strokes about the facts of life. I think these shows will create stronger families. A full house will watch them because family matters.

UNC is our house and these shows are all in the family, our family. Until then, hate Julie, take some Dilantin, be the master of your domain and don't smoke too many Victory cigarettes.

Tim Miner is a senior English major from Charlotte who won't be starring in "The Single Guy," if he can help it.

Sons of Liberty Have Historic Basis, Serious Mission

TO THE EDITOR:

It was with grand amusement that I read the editorial cartoon lampooning my organization, the Sons of Liberty, and presumably me as well ("Civil Disobedience: The Tradition Continues," Oct 26).

Our struggle against the tyranny of the Town Council strives to be carried out in the spirit of good cheer.

While not diminishing the importance of our point that the open-container law does violate individual liberty without increasing public safety, we thank you for contributing to the humor of the situation.

However, I wonder if the cartoonist, when commenting upon the tradition of civil disobedience, knows exactly how correct he is. A wise man wrote, "Fermentation and civilization are inseparable."

Nowhere has civilization reached its potential more than in our great nation. America was founded on the premises of liberty and justice for all, a premise now threatened by politicians such as those on our council. The tradition of the American beer-drinking, patriotic protester is indeed a long and storied one.

Beer was consumed by the Sons of Liberty shortly before attending the Boston Tea Party. Samuel Adams, founder of the original Sons of Liberty and the greatest of the brewer-patriots, was cited for drinking "prohibited liquors" while a student at Harvard (have university cops been on the case for that long?).

Original Sons of Liberty member John Hancock may have tossed back a few flagons of ale to steel his courage to sign the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson expounded upon the healthful benefits of beer, a position with which the American Medical Association has recently agreed. And the father of our nation, George Washington, was a great lover and homebrewer of the uniquely American beer style, porter.

We owe our freedom to a handful of courageous beer drinkers. Independence is a concept born of the tap room. Even Patrick Henry may have occasionally had trouble, as does the Son of Liberty pictured in the cartoon, pronouncing the word, "oppressed."

Samuel Adams wrote, "The sovereignty of a

READERS' FORUM

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nation, always of right, resides in the bodies of the people... and an enlightened, free and virtuous people can, as a body, be the keepers of their own liberties and guardians of their own rights." The Town Council has unjustly robbed citizens of freedom.

I therefore encourage all lovers of liberty and lovers of beer to combine the two emotions and, in the presence of witnesses, carry open containers of nonalcoholic beer through the streets to frustrate the enforcement of tyranny. It is a lot of fun, and it is not illegal.

The politicians have failed us. It is our duty to secure our own freedom in the face of our "oppressors."

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Quebec Has Long History, Solid Future Without Canada

TO THE EDITOR:
If you don't believe that Canada is made up of two nations, you must read Laura-Julie Perrault's ("To the surprise of many, Canada has two histories," Oct. 30), Harry Bulbrook's ("Cultural difference shouldn't be basis for separa-

tion," Nov. 2) and Patrick Miller's ("Quebec argument based on misunderstood assumptions," Nov. 2) opinions on Quebec's independence.

Their views and conceptions of Canada illustrate the bicephalous nature of Canada, a country with two strong identities where "les deux solitudes" (two solitudes) live together without really understanding each other.

Last Monday's (Oct. 30) results on Quebec's secession is a tragedy for Canada and all Canadians (another one to add to the long Canadian history).

I do not see any winner in a referendum where 50 percent of a nation clearly expresses the intent to split from a country.

But why do Quebecers want to secede from Canada?

Since the fusion of Upper-Canada (Ontario) and Lower-Canada (Quebec) in 1867, the Canadian unity, to the surprise of many, has never been a strong one. Many episodes helped compromise this fragile unity, but the earlier crises were never as pronounced as ones seen over the past 40 years.

Different federal commissions have tried to identify and solve problems, but their recommendations were never applied.

So here we are in 1995, two referendums later, with the same old crises and the same old promises.

I guess it is the reason why 65 percent of French-speaking Quebecers voted for separation last Monday: They want changes. Something has to be changed in the federal system for the sake of the country. So what does Quebec want? Quebec wants: 1) to be recognized as a distinct society and 2) redistribution of federal power to the provinces. Is this asking too much? Many decades of frustration indicate that it might be.

The arrogance and attitude of Miller and Bulbrook really make me feel that a reconciliation between all provinces of Canada never come to be.

As far as I'm concerned, let's say that I did not open the five champagne bottles last Monday night. Maybe I will drink them upon the creation of a new Canada that will include a strong Quebec. But nevertheless, one has to remember that Quebec was there before "Canada" and will be there after "Canada."

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