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### Civil Obedience

■ Campus politics should learn from past campaigns and not repeat the same mistakes. Puerile tactics serve to discredit the positions for which they are vying.

The arrival of student government elections never fails to bring a distinct change to campus atmosphere. The air is charged with a certain electricity that can only be attributed to the annual political event.

Despite the inevitable excitement, all candidates must remember to avoid the pitfalls of past elections and try to keep this year's campaigns dignified.

**Do not defile the campus.** There is no need to staple campaign posters to trees or tape them to lamp posts. Such acts clutter the campus and the environment when they fall down after a couple of days. Keep the posters in the classrooms and other buildings where they are easy to collect after the elections.

**Clean up your mess.** On Feb. 14 every candidate should show their love for this campus by removing the propaganda that will have inevitably filled every blank wall for two weeks. Though the student code allows more than one day before fines begin to accrue, it would be a nice gesture on the part of all candidates to begin the clean up effort immediately.

**Brick chalking.** Does anyone really read brick chalking? Though it is a fun event for free-lance graffiti artists, we detest having our campus look

like a soggy bowl of Lucky Charms. Besides being ugly and annoying, it will take another blizzard to remove the unsightly pastel mess.

**Present realistic platforms.** Leave off promises about Point-2-Point, cable in the dorms, leveling Lenoir and everything else for which student government officials like to take undeserved credit. Make real promises about issues student government actually influence.

**Keep all the campaigns civil.** All the candidates ever really needed to know about running a clean campaign they learned in kindergarten. Try to play nicely with the other children. If you don't have something nice to say, then don't say anything at all. Share your toys in the sandbox and never, ever call someone else a bad name. When candidates stoop to the level of mud-slinging it only damages the sometimes questionable credibility of campus leaders.

The above list of suggestions is certainly not the final word on how to run a student government campaign. They are important guidelines, but nothing can replace prudent decision-making on the part of individual candidates. Good judgment is the key to a good campaign season on the Chapel Hill campus.

Best of luck to all the candidates.

### Stand By Your Woman

Just when you thought it might be a boring election, a new face is on the scene.

Elizabeth Hanford Dole, presidential candidate Bob Dole's wife.

Dole has come out strongly for her husband, taking a leave of absence from her job as president of the American Red Cross to campaign for him around the country. But she also has let everyone know that after the election, she's returning to her career.

Dole should not have to give up her job to "stand by her man," even if that man becomes the next president of the United States.

She is to be commended for being so up front with the American public about her aspirations as first lady, or should we say, First Working Lady. There will be no doubt about her intentions from the outset. We know exactly what we might be getting into, instead of the vague "two-for-one" package offered by the Clintons.

We'd like to caution Dole to outline clearly

her job and her relationship to the White House. After all, there are bound to be conflicts of interest arising.

But in general, it's good for America to know that Hillary Rodham Clinton, whatever her faults, is not going to be the last strong woman alongside the strong men on the political scene.

We've got to get adjusted to seeing women speak up instead of standing behind their roles as wives and mothers. Instead of crucifying politicians' wives for displaying an "intimidating" amount of power, the American public should appreciate the contributions of everyone.

If the concept of women in authority is still tough for people to accept, then let's go ahead and discuss it thoroughly this year, and put it to rest.

Because no matter which man wins next year's presidential election, there will still be a powerful woman in the White House. We'd better get used to it.

## So Many Types of Friends From Which to Choose

Partments. They're making me insane in the membrane. Lately, I've begun salivating during "Friends."

Problem is: It isn't because of Rachel, it's because of their place. Look at that floor space! What a view! O-My-Gawd, Chandler Bing! I guess I'll eventually be able to find my own private Idaho.

I'll have a place that's similar, I'm just not sure I can populate it with five best friends... not like them, at least.

When I was a kid, the title "Best Friend" really meant something. We knew who our friends were: We just numbered them. We needed the hierarchy to know how to talk about our buds. It was also easier to present yourself by using your Buddy Resumé. "I was Bestest Friends with Christopher and Tommy for two years, and Second Best Friends with Annie for nine months. I'll do good as your Third Best Friend. Will I get a company Matchbox car?"

It was so easy. There were two brands: Friends and Not-Friends, and both were low in calories. Nowadays, the title "friend" is getting more complicated. Trying to name your "Best Friend" is like trying to name your favorite movie. Due to a marketing explosion, there are a whole lot more friend brands out there.

See, the Central Perkies are **Methuzelah Friends**. These are the people you've known through at least five or six different hairstyles. "Yeah, I remember when she broke her arm: She had a perm, just after she got her hair cut like Jennifer Gray in 'Dirty Dancing.' Hey, let's go get 'The Rachel!'"

That's just one brand, here's a few more:  
**Flirt-ends:** Friendship equals innuendo here. Conversation involves dialogue that would make Freud blush a lot more than it does anything serious. You're like Flint and Lady Jaye, more likely to know the person's underwear size than his/her middle name. It's fun, it's harmless and low stress. Watch it, you two might become...  
**Burns-n-abrights:** Honestly, calling this "friendship" is like calling the Bay of Pigs invasion "neighborly aid." The bottom line is acquisition. Something is blocking a relationship, but as soon as it's gone, you're going after this person with all the restraint of a cheetah on a sick gazelle.

**Therapists:** Thanks to Ricki and Oprah, we all think we're nut cases. So we need to talk to someone about our neuroses. Deez are da' forks. We can tell them anything and get a diagnosis. You can even get a second opinion from another, if you want. Truth is: No trauma, no friendship. "My work here is done. Call me when someone else dicks you over."



TIM MINER  
CAROLINA GOTHIC

**Shrapnels:** When you start "seeing" someone, you have to become friends with their friends. This really sucks if they're goobs. If they're cool, your friendships will survive dating meltdown like cockroaches after a nuclear holocaust. They're a useful connection to the exposure. "Man, he's miserable without you." Yesssss!

**Swap Meets:** A friend introduces you to this person and, mekka-lekka-hi-mekka heiny-ho, you become better friends with them. When the introducer realizes this, you're suddenly in an episode of "Full House."

"Kimmy was my friend first! How could you, D.J.?!? I never want to see you again! Waaaaaaaah!"

**Seventh Circle(s) (of Hell, that is):** Nothing bonds two souls like mutual hatred and fear of some prof using alotta big words. They're army buddies ("Yep. We's in the Big One together... Op Management."), but there's no friendship without a classroom. No numbers are exchanged. In class, it's "... and that's my biggest, darkest secret." Outside: "Damn, that guy looks familiar!"

**Blockade Runner:** Don't be this person. You're friends with both halves of a couple, and mekka-lekka-hi-mekka-chani-ho, when they're on the rocks, you're like MCI, a go-between to two long distance parties. You must endure way too much private reverment from both of them and pull the "Paul Revere" at parties: "Her red coat is coming! Her red coat is coming!"

**Demographics:** These people exist in your life because being friends with them, despite

some social category they're in, makes you look deep. It could be race, class, sex or the fact that they don't watch ER. The most recent one I saw was about homosexuality: "This is my gay friend, Alex. He's cool but gay. He talks, too. See? Speak, gay man, speak!"

**Mr./Ms. Lazarus:** You hate people in this category. They did you wrong. They stole your Pops. They keyed your car. When you think of him/her, you know Nostradamus was right about the anti-Christ. That is until you get a penitent card or a call from this person. "He can burn in hell for all I..." Ring! Ring! "Hello? You've got some ner... Oh! Aren't you sweet!"

**Palmer's (copyright, Karen, INC.):** You met this person like once or twice in a big group, and as you pass them on campus, you flick 'em a wave. You couldn't pick 'em out in a police line up. "Officer, could you let me look at their palms?"

**Nettles:** The next generation in pals. You don't have coffee or hold their head on a Friday night or nuttin'. You can't suggest them for a Gordon Elliott make-over, because you don't know what they look like. You just talk to them on e-mail, even if you're sitting next to them in the OIT lab.

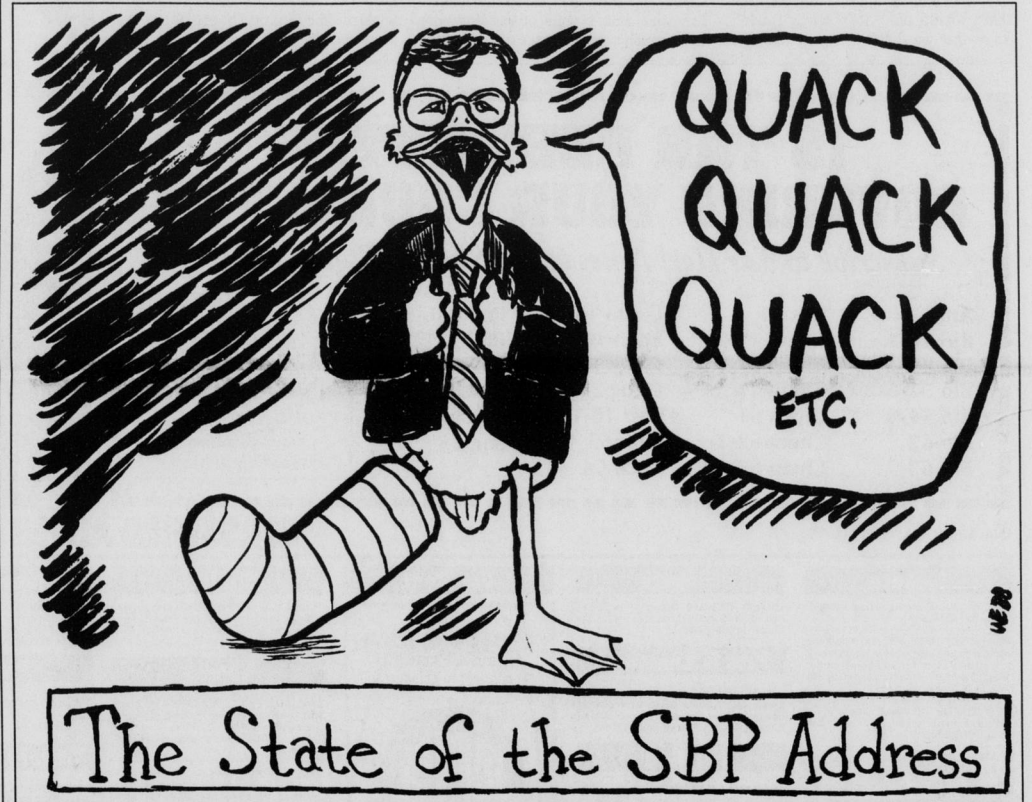
**Enigmas:** Friendships like these deserve to be on Unsolved Mysteries. No one, including you, knows why you like them. They're annoying. They're bitchy. They like Duke. You're constantly questioned, "Why do you like them?" "I don't know, I'll ask the Sasquatch next time I'm doing an alien autopsy in the Bermuda Triangle with him and Nessie."

We live in a world where you can get 37 different kinds of toothpaste. So it stands to reason that there are a lot more brands of friends out there.

They're getting more specialized everyday. Some flip their tops. Some want to get a little closer, others want to be shy. They won't give you minty-fresh breath and you will probably get tartar because of what you eat together. That's cool. In the end, there's nothing like a bud.

So watch "Friends" with some friends this Thursday. Oh yeah, drink some Diet Coke, too.

Tim Miner is an English major from Charlotte who was never told that life was gonna be this way. Clap-Clap-Clap-Clap!



## The State of the SBP Address

### Adverse Weather Requires Serious Safety Considerations

TO THE EDITOR:  
Chancellor Michael Hooker and other University officials made a wise decision by electing to close campus (except for emergency services) on Friday, Jan. 12. It is unfortunate that on the preceding Monday, Jan. 8, a similar choice was not made.

Some comments reported in the DTH ("Freezing Rain, Ice Force Friday Closing," Jan. 16) gave the appearance of a decision process based on misplaced priorities. One official said that the decision to remain open Monday was made in part because of the Martin Luther King holiday. That potential day off would have meant some classes wouldn't convene for two weeks. He also noted that a closing would affect employee payrolls and cause problems in providing necessary services.

I'd like to suggest that the first two issues are irrelevant to the health and safety of the persons who study and work here. The third issue, necessary services, confuses the matter of routine University business versus emergency services. Emergency services are not closed during inclement weather, and by definition no other services the University provides are necessary during adverse conditions that could significantly endanger UNC students and employees. This official also stated, "It's never an easy call." I believe that with the proper focus, these decisions could be a much easier call. The following are some suggested guidelines:

1. Is Chapel Hill Transit running their buses?
  2. Are campus and town sidewalks around campus cleared, sanded and reasonably safe to use?
  3. Are nonemergency vehicles permitted on the roads, or have state, county or town officials advised motorists to stay home?
  4. Are primary roads cleared and safe to travel?
  5. Are most secondary roads reasonably accessible from primary routes (no snowbanks obstructing the way)?
  6. Have campus roads and parking lots been plowed, and are they reasonably safe to navigate?
- If the answer to any of these is "no," then



### READERS' FORUM

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serious consideration should be given to closing. On Jan. 8 the answer to six of these seven questions was "no." The safety of the campus community and ultimately the liability of the University are the issues. Let's remember this fact during the rest of this season and in future years.

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### SBP Supports Degree Cuts to Free Resources in Long Term

TO THE EDITOR:  
I and the student government do not wantonly and inexplicably support the recent degree cuts passed by the Board of Governors, as some students may glean from recent DTH coverage ("BOG Votes to Discontinue, Consolidate Degrees After Year of Review," Jan. 16).

We have worked extra hours, and I commend Student Body Co-Secretary Mo Nathan's diligence to insure that BOG action, with respect to the Music department, does not eliminate the Music major, as originally proposed. The final BOG plan does not cut the major and does not

adversely impact students. For this reason, and because these allocations will free resources in the long term — resources which can be applied to critical university needs — we support the BOG's program cuts and consolidations.

Calvin Cunningham  
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### WXYC's Eclectic Music Far Surpasses Strains of 'Hootie'

TO THE EDITOR:  
Jeff Garigliano's column ("Radio Stations: Same Tired Songs Keep Playing," Jan. 16) regarding the stagnancy of so-called "alternative" radio compelled me to respond. On most counts I couldn't agree more. I am endlessly frustrated with the repetitiveness and boredom that inevitably sets in after listening to any mainstream commercial station for more than 10 minutes.

However, I was disappointed when Garigliano proceeded to chastise WXYC, the University student-run station, for being "nearly incoherent" and "so far in the opposite direction" he is forced to resort to commercial radio.

As a DJ and frequent listener, I admit that WXYC's eclectic blend is unfamiliar to the average listener. WXYC is not segmented into specific genre shows, nor based primarily on college rock. You can literally hear anything at any given time. Many listeners are not comfortable with the range of music we present, and they opt for the familiar strains of commercial radio.

Our mission is to provide a rich variety of music blending into a coherent whole. With patience and an open mind, you may actually find your musical tastes broadened. WXYC's format and ingenuity has gained the acclaim of several national publications. Not too bad for an "incoherent" college station tucked away in the corner of the Student Union. I hope Garigliano and others will give WXYC 89.3 another chance. And if you're still bored, there's always Hootie...

Brock Phillips  
WXYC DJ  
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