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## Oral Fixation

You're walking across campus one day, and you see a marble.

It looks shiny and new, but what are the odds that you're going to pick the marble up and pop it into your mouth?

The next day you are headed to class when you encounter a very attractive person.

Considering that he or she is good-looking and healthy in appearance, what are the odds of you picking that person up, moving the party to a quieter place and letting the imagination take over from there?

One would assume that the latter would probably be more likely. Few people would dare to pick up something as potentially filthy and tainted as a random marble, much less bring it anywhere near their mouth.

But if you wanted to play it safe, you would be better off to opt for the marble. A study presented at a San Francisco conference this week estimates that 8 percent of HIV/AIDS transmissions among men who have sex with men occur because of oral sex.

And researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that a similar percentage of heterosexual women contract the disease from unprotected oral sex. They add that 8 percent might be under-esti-

mated.

People have been lured into a false sense of security as new treatments for the AIDS virus appear on the market. But as of now there is *no* cure for the AIDS virus.

The idea that oral sex is the safe alternative to intercourse is rampant on college campuses. While oral sex does not carry certain risks that apply to intercourse, when one engages in oral sex irresponsibly, STDs can be transmitted.

But not all hope is lost. Despite the fact that any sexual contact brings with it certain risks, there are ways to make oral sex safer.

For either men or women, the condom remains a reasonably reliable method of protection. If you're thinking the taste would be unbearable, don't fret; there are many flavors available now, even mint.

Oral sex does not equal safe sex. This is a fact that when ignored carries with it some serious consequences. So protect your body and keep yourself informed.

Next time you are forced to choose between a shiny new marble and a good-looking prospect, go for the marble. It might taste a bit grainy, but consider your alternative.

## The Short List

Madeleine Albright's recent refusal to speak at May Commencement has left University officials scrambling to find a replacement speaker. Past notables have included now presidential candidate Bill Bradley and media mogul Ted Turner.

Because of UNC's well-known slow pace in making decisions, The Daily Tar Heel editorial board offers the following list of speakers to aid selection committee members:

With all the fuss about UNC's alleged drug violations problem, the University should select a speaker who could speak frankly to students about drug abuse. If the May address took place during one of his brief hiatuses from jail, the board is confident that Robert Downey Jr. would be happy to speak.

"If at first you don't succeed, try again" was the message your mother drilled into your head from the start. The University should heed this maxim and try again to lure prominent gun-rights activist and actor Charlton Heston. And while he's here, he could even give a demonstration with those new shotguns the Department of Public Safety purchased during the summer.

Ask residents of Morrison Residence Hall why their eyes have been drooping a little lower recently and they'll describe their nightly fire drills. University officials recently decided to stiffen penalties for those who ignore the alarms and stay inside.

But perhaps a better way to examine the puffy eye problem is to consider that while students have faced many fire alarms, Morrison is still standing. If the building simply burned to the ground, the alarm problem would be history. And the person to help those students, ladies and gentlemen, straight

from his appearance on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, is couch-torcher Bobcat Goldwight.

Glancing at the list thus far, you might think the board is suggesting that the only people qualified to speak at graduation are nationally recognized figures. When the board looked closer, it found that local residents, too, can speak about national issues. One individual stood apart from the rest, though, for his tolerance of Miami heat and his willingness to go the distance: Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson.

In today's tough job market, many people have pointed to networking as the way to go, and University Career Services helps students to find that "in." But just as students are prepared to enter the job market by the University, they should also be briefed on how to stay there. Two figures at UNC have demonstrated superb knowledge of keeping a job: football coach Carl Torbush and men's basketball coach Bill Guthridge.

Business students should not be excluded from appropriate commencement speakers. In a speech detailing the art of greed, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" host Regis Philbin could justify his salary per show and explain the show's phenomenal success.

The board found, though, that Regis was more entertaining in a tandem and so it would like to invite "Live! With Regis and Kathie Lee" co-host Kathie Lee Gifford. Gifford could explain how to set up your own sweatshop and, on a personal note, how to stand by your man.

While the board considered a long list of candidates, it felt these speakers demonstrated exemplary knowledge of practical skills that could be passed to graduating seniors.

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We are committed to making the senior class count ... without forgetting to have fun!!

Gift Ideas:  
These are a few of our ideas - we welcome yours as well!

- An annual scholarship sponsoring one disadvantaged student from a rural area and one from an urban area. The recipients will live together as freshmen to promote cross-cultural understanding.
- Student and University representatives will work with organizations such as N.C. Renaissance, Alliance for Creating Campus Equity and Seeking Social Justice and Upward Bound to design a permanent outreach program targeting low-income areas throughout the state to spread information about college admission and the financial aid process.
- A grant for student-created projects that seek to raise awareness of social issues and to promote positive change in the community.

Service:  
■ "Senior Corps:" Working with the N.C. Center for Public Service and APPLES, we will offer a variety of volunteer opportunities that will accommodate the schedules of busy seniors. We hope to complete "2001 hours of service" as a class by graduation.

Communication:  
■ "Senior" bulletin board in Union  
■ Web page  
■ Regular announcements in the DTH  
■ Monthly newsletter  
■ Senior Advisory Council to promote dialogue between senior class officers and the class of 2001.

Career Services:  
■ Sponsor a wider range of job fairs, including nonprofit organizations and international career opportunities.  
■ Work with University Career Services in supporting and publicizing its current job-placement programs.

Continue the successful tradition of the Senior Punch Card.  
■ Marshal Selection:  
■ Selection of class marshals that represent every aspect of the highly diverse class of 2001.

Social Activities:  
■ Senior "Olympics" against Duke seniors!  
■ Joint Interfraternity Council, UNC National Pan Hellenic Council, Panhellenic Council and specialty Greek parties  
■ Welcome-back party on the quad  
■ Bar Nights  
■ Senior Week  
■ CD - Songs about North Carolina performed by campus musical talent  
■ Senior of the Week in DTH

For more information, visit [www.unc.edu/~cowley](http://www.unc.edu/~cowley).  
We're ready to have fun with the class of '01!

### Joy Ganes and Sarath Kolluru

Through our involvement in an array of activities spanning from Student Congress to varsity track and field, from Residence Hall Association to Sangam, we are prepared to represent the class of 2001 with vigor, making things a little brighter in Chapel Hill.

Our combined backgrounds, one in-state student and one out-of-state student, our having different religions and our affiliations have helped us to create an effective plan of action. Our overall theme is togetherness. Using this theme, we plan to incorporate pleasurable experiences - through serving the community or just kicking back and enjoying our seniority.

Service:  
■ Senior Major Day  
Seniors give a brief explanation about their major in a mini-forum to underclassmen.

- Senior Clean-Up Day
- Donate \$2,001 to the Dance Marathon
- Senior Festival Fund-Raiser
- Awareness Weekend

Have seniors from different backgrounds get together and learn more about each other through games, workshops and more.  
We will have information about more individualized volunteering opportunities.  
Self-Service:  
■ Senior Week  
■ Senior Ball  
■ We're Gonna Do It Again - Senior Parties



Sherilynn Black



Jason Cowley

- Senior blocks at football games and the Senior Nights of each olympic sport
- Apathy Day  
Relax in the quad, eat and don't worry about life after college.

Our Service to You:  
■ Speakers to address senior concerns  
■ Getting you the information

Have an interactive Web site and utilize the Senior Resource Center in the Union.  
■ Career Services Liaison  
■ Graduate/Professional School Adviser  
Work with University Career Services to get a full-time graduate/professional school adviser.

■ Diverse Teaching Group  
Create a committee to work with the provost to recruit a more diverse group of professors.  
■ Accessibility and Accountability  
This is just a starting point from which we plan to begin. This is the beginning, and the end is unknown. Stop by our table in the Pit and ask questions. Look for us on Feb. 15.

### Robinson Hogue and Scott Washington

Concrete. Practical. Measurable.  
We believe our ideas are reachable, yet beneficial. Our ideas, if put into use, will have a long-lasting, positive effect on UNC for many years to come.

The main reason students come to college is to be able to land a successful job when they graduate. Our primary objective is to make this experience easier. Therefore, we find that instituting a Senior Web page will be a practical endeavor. This Web page will be used to not only inform the students of campus activities, post-graduate opportunities and connect to useful sites, but also to allow current seniors to post their resumes and cover letters online - making them more visible to future employers. Furthermore, we seek to make the Senior Resource Center more utilized and strengthen senior-alumni relations.

We also plan to create a Senior Page in the Tuesday issues of the DTH. The page will inform seniors of the week's events and who to contact for information. Also, we are interested in reinstating the "Senior of the Week" - highlighting roughly 32 seniors throughout the year with diverse backgrounds and beliefs and allowing the campus to live a day in the life of a senior.

We know we are going to do many things for our senior class; however, we also want to give back to the community. Without the Chapel Hill/Carrboro community, UNC would not be what it is today. We plan to continue the Senior-to-Senior program that will benefit both senior citizens and seniors in high school.

Finally, we hope to make the Senior Marshals more prominent on and around campus. Being a Senior Marshal is being a leader of one's peers through dedication, responsibility and attitude. These officers will make being a senior worthwhile. This, along with the Senior Page, will shed light on all spectrums and people at this University.

Senior year is the doorway to the rest of your life. Start out on the right foot.

### David Beyer and Godwin Ogunmefun

UNC-Chapel Hill has a long-standing tradition of both class and excellence. It is for this reason that we believe our qualities and characteristics are precisely what the University needs as it makes its way into its first full year of the millennium.

Great Time  
Now is a great time to be a rising senior! Our nation is currently experiencing the longest economic expansion in its history, and the rate of unemployment is also at an all-time low. After being elected as officers of the senior class, we will consider it our duty to ensure that all of our classmates are adequately prepared to take full advantage of these very exciting times. This will be accomplished by:

- Working closely with University Career Services to disperse literature and other information on all available internships and jobs.
- We will also arrange forums on topics that are related directly to the concerns of our fellow seniors, such as portfolio building, job acquisition and options on continuing education.

A Special Time  
While your senior year is a time to buckle down and prepare for the future, we want to do our best to make sure everybody remembers that college is a time to have fun. So to make sure that 2001 is the best year yet, we intend to sponsor numerous social gatherings aimed at bolstering senior class cohesion.

- These gatherings will range from friendly ice-cream socials to dinner and dancing at your favorite nighttime hot spots.
- In addition to this we assure you that the class gift for the year 2001 will be one of the most original and impressive thus far. When elected, you have our word that your class will be remembered for more than some obscure plaque placed haphazardly along one of Carolina's many buildings or walkways.

The Right Time  
Class of 2001, it's our time. Choose wisely.

Jen Santhouse and James Hampton

Interaction  
■ Interactive Web site  
An interactive Web site for UNC seniors will be the source of our energy and focus. These issues are what matter most to the senior class, and we can only successfully represent you by knowing these concerns. It will be your ticket to voicing your opinion, updates on what's going on and important links to University Career Services, the DTH, the General Alumni Association and community service opportunities.

■ Issue Focus  
We hope to hold monthly forums on specific issue that concern seniors. We will link the Web site to an online forum so that everyone can participate in the discussion. This will provide information about current issues that affect your lives. Issues discussed will range from the chancellor search to international events to the national political arena to local happenings. We can provide the forum, but we need you to provide the feedback.

■ Class Networking  
Do you know everyone in your senior class? Do you know everyone in your major? We want to create a formal online for you to interact with other seniors with similar academic and social interests. This will include a picture and a tidbit of personal information to help you get to know your classmates.

■ Senior C-TOPS  
Remember how C-TOPS was supposed to get you ready for college life? Well, we have Senior C-TOPS to get the class of 2001 ready for life after graduation. We'll have programs about graduate schools, careers, volunteer/non-profit organizations and how to improve your networking and interviewing skills.

■ Community  
■ Super Senior Service Project  
We want to create a collaborative effort between Habitat for Humanity and the senior class. We can construct an entire house over a long weekend if everyone puts in some time and energy - it will be the "house the class of 2001 built."

■ The Triangle Classic  
We will have an Intramural Competition between UNC, N.C. State and Duke seniors to raise money for a charitable organization. The competition will include events such as three-legged races, balloon tosses and even a student-faculty softball game.

■ Diversity  
■ Unity Week  
Let the senior class show its true colors by getting involved in the cultural celebration by participating both as international representatives and as a source of support and encouragement for all of the organizations involved in the cultural extravaganza.

■ Collaborative Manpower  
We want the leadership to be as diverse as the senior class itself, and we can accomplish this diversity by getting involved in the activities hosted by a variety of student organizations. We want to be a link between different student organizations by inviting their input in our programs, volunteering our efforts for their programs and assembling large inter-organization events.

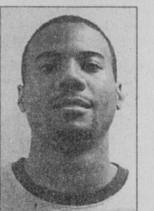
■ Social Structures  
■ Casual Socials  
Let's continue the traditional socials that bring the class of 2001 together on the social scene like Senior Night at Players, Gotham and He's Not Here and anywhere else tons of seniors like to gather.

■ Senior Ball  
Did you know there was a Senior Ball? Let's rejuvenate this a magical night under the stars for the class of 2001 and give seniors a chance to dress up and get down.

■ Senior Picnic  
A lazy afternoon spent cooking out, playing beach volleyball and socializing with other seniors on Conner Beach. A Senior Picnic is a chance to relax and relieve some stress.



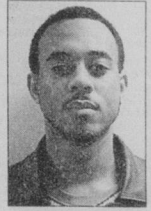
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