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"Ours was the marriage that wasn't supposed to last," she said. But here they are, 46 years later, proclaiming they are still "passionately in love."

After working side by side for 18 years following their wedding day, Shelton decided he and Mary Edna needed some quality time alone together.

So, once a week for the past 28 years, the two put work and family aside to go on a "date." Shelton said it has helped keep the romance in their marriage. But a marriage requires more than just dates or even love, Shelton said. There are other things he insists must be done to keep one's spouse.

"Surprise her with a rose," he said. "Once she surprised me with a dozen roses. Those things are what makes a marriage stick."

Wrong Song, Right Woman

On their honeymoon, he sang "Seven Years with the Wrong Woman" all the way to Miami. But Milton Seymour was obviously singing the wrong song to his bride, Gertrude, because they have now been married for 52 years.

Both members of their high schools' basketball teams, they met when

Milton gave Gertrude a ride to a game. They waited until World War II ended, and then the 25-year-olds wed.

Milton said he would always remember what Gertrude said when he proposed. They were at her house, and when he asked her to marry him, she answered, "You mean it?" He meant it.

Now they have a grown son and daughter and two grandchildren. Milton works as an usher in the press-room for UNC's basketball, baseball and football teams - his job for 30 years. Gertrude attends every game.

The two said they never argued. "We disagree on little things, but we don't have serious arguments," Milton said. "Most of the time when we went to bed at night everything was smooth and doovey."

Doctors of Love

What began as a meeting of the minds turned out to be a meeting of the hearts for UNC Professors Dr. Michael Green and Dr. Theda Perdue. Theda and Michael, who will soon have been married for 10 years, both specialize in Native American history.

Their story began when they were introduced at a meeting in 1980.

Their first conversation took place when Michael was inspired by an idea

he read about in one of Theda's books and called her to discuss it. After that, he included her idea in his own book.

"My first appearance in his life was as a footnote," Theda said.

They began as acquaintances and colleagues and became friends after deciding to edit a series of books together.

"Our acquaintance blossomed into a friendship that blossomed into a love affair," Michael said.

One thing that probably makes their marriage successful is the strong friendship it was built on, Michael said.

"That friendship was so important to me that when I realized I loved her, I was afraid to tell her because I didn't want to jeopardize that," he said.

When they got married, they were both middle-aged and well-established in their professions, she said, adding that people who marry in their 20s still change.

"One thing that makes it work is that we were the people we were going to be," Theda said. "Romance is not something that is confined to your teens and twenties. It is certainly possible to find it in your 40s."

Michael added, "And to keep it alive when you're 50."

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to decide," he said.

Others objected to a fee increase for any purpose. "What's the point of not raising tuition if we're always raising student fees?" candidate Josh Ray said.

A majority of candidates chose "waffle" on several other questions and said they needed more information before deciding.

All candidates were in favor of increasing safety on campus, and said they would participate in the 24-Hour Rape Free Zone next semester.

"Safety is really important," Ray said. "As a guy, I get sick of walking friends

back at four in the morning from Old East (Residence Hall)."

The question of pressuring the University to hire a diverse faculty also received unanimous support. "Definitely yes, this is a must issue," candidate Michael Harris said. "We can't have a diverse campus without diverse faculty."

Other issues supported by the candidates included working to increase student voter turnout, improving anti-discrimination policies against sexual orientation, appointing a diverse Cabinet and investigating the UNC's investments. "I really want to check out what's happening with our money," Smith said.

Smiley answered yes to all the questions, emphasizing her platform promises. "I think it's important for student

government to have a stance on issues like these, regardless of controversy."

Following the Progressive Student Coalition forum, Carolina Fever sponsored a forum Friday night for the four candidates running for CAA president.

The candidates spoke on issues such as ticket distribution and the role of intramural and club sports.

Carolina Fever President Davin McGinnis said they would not endorse a specific candidate. "In the event that another candidate wins, we could be extremely hurt," McGinnis said.

"So far, we have liked everything we've heard from the candidates."

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Dilbert



THE Daily Crossword

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PUPPY LOVE

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Stallings said an important thing in a relationship was to maintain a balance by spending time with other people.

"You can't entrust your whole life and happiness to one person," she said. "You need to be very involved in each other's lives, but be sure to make room for friends and family."

Stallings and York, a senior from Cary, plan to move to Chicago this summer following their wedding.

Under Davie Poplar

Elaine Schroeder, a senior biology major from Greensburg, Ind., has carried on a long-distance relationship for the past 2 1/2 years.

"The biggest thing that has kept us together is that we are really strong as friends," she said.

"A great relationship has to include a great friendship."

The two met for the first time two months before she transferred to UNC-Chapel Hill, Schroeder said.

The friendship continued to develop, although she was not looking for a long-distance partner.

Schroeder, who became engaged in November 1999, said the way her fiancé proposed to her endeared him to her even more.

"He was visiting for the weekend and asked to plan a day," she said. "We went to a football game and bowling. Later that night, he presented two dresses he had bought and told me to wear one."

Following a fancy dinner at the Siena Hotel, the couple took a walk on campus and were seated under the Davie Poplar tree when he proposed.

Schroeder said her fiancé had stopped by her parents' house to ask her father for her hand in marriage.

By asking her father's permission and with the romantic legend of the Davie Poplar tree, Schroeder's fiancé installed valued traditions into his proposal. The couple is planning a July wedding.

Long-Distance Bills

Chris Parker, a senior from Pittsboro, also learned firsthand the setbacks of a distance relationship.

Parker has maintained a long-distance relationship with his girlfriend at UNC-Greensboro for almost four years.

The costly phone bills and the miles he has logged on his car are reflective

of the distance between them.

"I have a little over 230,000 miles on my car," Parker said. "And the phone bills are the best part."

Parker said his girlfriend's parents were high school sweethearts as well. Parker said that with the exception of the phone bills, the relationship has been a smooth ride.

"It all falls together if you know where you're going, where you've been, and what you want from a relationship," Parker said.

"It's all about priority."

A Little Love Advice

Schroeder shared advice for those who might be deterred from dating someone because of physical separation.

"Don't jump into a long-distance relationship, but if you fall into it at least give it a try," she said.

Stallings said that although relationships could be work, it was important to not put up with anything that doesn't make you happy.

"Don't ever be afraid to love someone and give it your all," she said.

"Otherwise it'll never work."

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