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Do the Right Thing

UNC Association of Student Governments President Cliff Webster needs to run to the nearest dictionary and look up the word "representative."

Just recently Webster was arrested and charged with a felony count as well as a misdemeanor count of larceny. Regardless of whether he committed the crimes, he should do the honorable thing and resign.

As ASG president, Webster also is a nonvoting member of and the only student representative on the Board of Governors.

In other words, Webster alone represents the thousands of students at each UNC school. It is imperative for a student in such an important position to realize that any careless thing he does can diminish officials' regard for the concerns of his almost 155,000 constituents.

Webster apparently did not consider that when he put himself in a position where he could be linked to a crime. (He was student body president at East Carolina University when the crime occurred.)

Allegedly, he and a friend swiped two metal benches valued at an estimated \$2,300 from their own school grounds at East Carolina University.

Mr. Cliff Webster, can you spell "stupid"? Please refer to that little book that bears your last name. You might want to look up "care-

less" and "adolescent" while you're at it.

At the age of 24, Webster should be well past such mischievous behavior that's more indicative of a rambunctious teenager than a leader. When a student decides to accept a position of leadership, he should know that his behavior will be under constant scrutiny.

Webster's position as the only student on the BOG puts him into a different class from that of other student representatives. Not only does he represent his fellow students at ECU, but he's also the single voice for all students in the UNC school system on the BOG.

As that voice, Webster should be concentrating on building good relationships with his fellow BOG members and being a strong advocate for student concerns. Instead, Webster has jeopardized his credibility as ASG president, effectively silencing his voice.

Some might say that one is innocent until proven guilty. But after last year's scandal with ASG President Nick Miris, who stepped down after admitting to plagiarizing a term paper, Webster should have thought about the fact that his past actions could cause the organization further embarrassment.

College students inevitably are going to do some dumb stuff (like steal campus benches). But Webster isn't just any college student.

If he wants to play around like one, he should resign his position as ASG president immediately so that a more mature student can take over.



Cliff Webster

Pigskin Prayer

High school football always has been regarded as something of a religion in the South. But last Friday night it crossed the line.

At numerous high school football games in North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi and elsewhere, thousands of people stood up and "spontaneously" prayed aloud to protest a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that barred school-approved, student-led prayers at sporting events and assemblies. Those who participated were mostly Christians who feel maligned by a legal decision they view as hostile to their beliefs.

Yet their own actions were inadvertently hostile to those of other beliefs.

Although the participants in Friday's prayers were standing up for their ideas, there were others at the games who did not share those ideas. Even the smallest school in deepest South will have its share of Jews, Muslims, believers of other faiths and those who choose not to believe at all.

When the other students and fans rose en masse in prayer Friday, the non-Christians suddenly became "religious strangers at their own public schools," as one legal expert put it.

That legal expert and others also said that because the "spontaneous" prayers were the decisions of private individuals and did not

involve the school administrations, they are probably protected by the First Amendment. Certainly, the right to express one's beliefs - religious or otherwise - is a vital element of American society, and attempts to tinker with it should not be taken lightly.

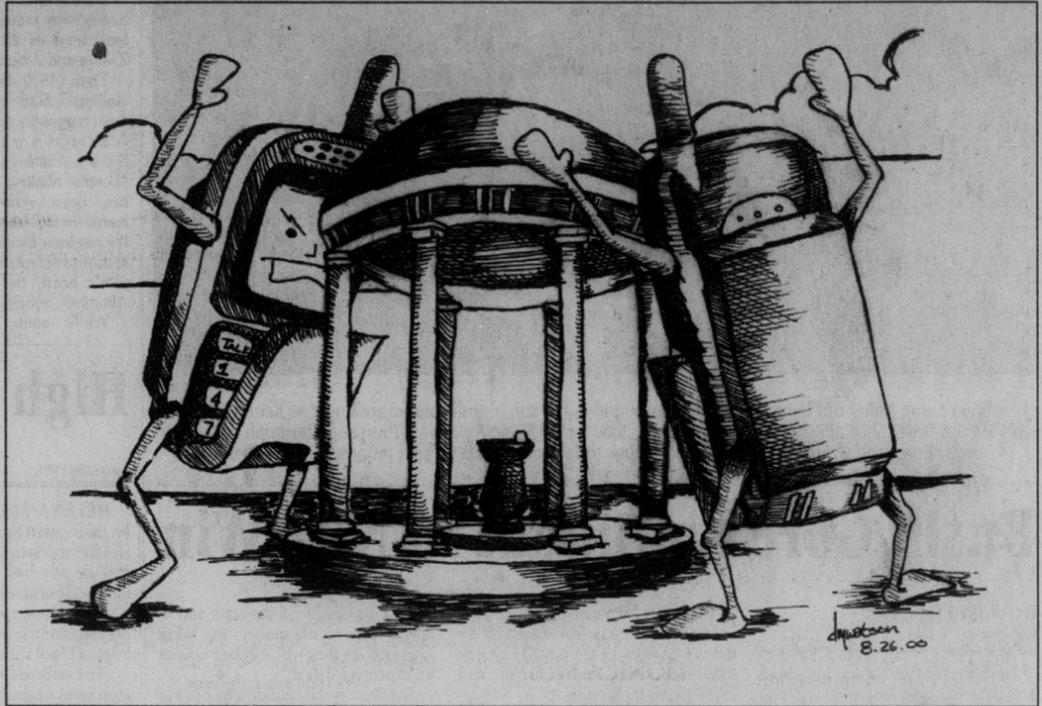
But simply because one has the right to do something does not necessarily mean one should do it. As those students bowed their heads in prayer, they were also unwittingly ostracizing some of their fellow classmates.

Those other students were left with the choice of either going along with the herd or conspicuously refraining from the prayers, options that were no doubt equally uncomfortable for many of them.

As individual citizens, every student is able to pray in the manner of his choosing. But in the future, those who prayed aloud Friday should consider these words from Matthew: "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray ... so that they may be seen by others." (Matthew 6:5, NRSV)

High school is notoriously unforgiving of those who differ from the norm in any way, and not everyone is willing or able to stand out in the crowd.

There's no reason why something meant to bring people together should be the cause of further division.



BOLO: Dangerous Outlaw in Area

Wanted: Kofi Bofah
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 170 pounds
Strengths: Versatility, knowledge, networking, communication
Weakness: Females
Occupation: Accumulating capital
Allies: Moneymakers, your girlfriend, thugs, pretty women, Joe America
Foes: Punks, gold-diggers, ignorant people, fake broods, New York City, boyfriends
Nemesis: Walter Thompson
Aliases: HUNGIGOLO, The Big Pimp, Boss, The Lion, Two-Six



KOFI BOFAH
PHILOSOPHY .22

"BOLO: Menace to Society. This threat to the security and welfare of our nation must be stopped. His name is Kofi Bofah, and the clandestine activities of the aforementioned terror coupled with his natural abilities and mind-set will only destroy the fabric of this nation.

Left unchecked, Bofah will blaze trails and incinerate the ideals that our fathers labored tirelessly to establish.

It's simple: He is wanted dead or alive. Reward: \$1.5 million.

Kofi Bofah, alias HUNGIGOLO, alias The Big Pimp, alias Boss, alias The Lion, has resided in suburban Washington for 20 years. He calls Silver Spring, Md., his home. His versatility and worldliness stems from this location. While inhabiting the D.C. area, Bofah has observed the lifestyles of the filthy rich and the dirt poor. His suburban dwelling straddles the line between the ghettos of Washington and the cul-de-sacs of Montgomery County.

Specifically, The Lion resides at the convergence of routes 29 and 650 in the locality of White Oak. This is suburban Maryland, the realm of prettyboy-thugs. It is here that males with rough edges and a touch of class prosper. Strapped with .22s, guzzling deuce-deuce and playing The Station. Lifting weights during the day. Moving weight at night.

While in D.C., HUNGIGOLO frequents several spots. He can be spotted fondling females in Washington's Ritz and Live clubs, rocking to go-go at The Black Hole or sipping on expensive beverages called "s-zerrrrrr." On business, The Lion hits I-495 West to pur-

chase expensive clothing at Tyson's. Don't be fooled; the man makes, saves and invests much more capital than he spends. His sources of income vary and have included the Environmental Protection Agency, NYSE and NASDAQ. For pleasure, it's I-95/495 South to rendezvous with moneymakers and lady friends.

In summary: Prince Georges County and Uptown for pleasure; Fairfax and Downtown for business.

Remember that our man's maneuvers are not limited to the Capital City. The Big Pimp has forged contacts up and down the eastern seaboard. Utilizing below-par vehicles that he refers to as "buckets" he has controlled the I-95 corridor to spread his propaganda.

He's reported to have associates from the Cross-Bronx X-Way to The Gables. With 95 in hand, the lawbreaker has turned his attention to new frontiers. I-85 is currently his thoroughfare of choice.

Kofi "Boss" Bofah has chosen to relocate to Raleigh-Durham for four years. Apparently, this figure became increasingly aware that my agency was hot on his trail. He presently is laying low like Rod Vinson in Chapel Hill.

Private eye Big Mouth, whose role is to pose as an ally, pump the unsuspecting target for information and publish his findings to The Grapevine Daily, dutifully reported this quote from our man: "I'm just chillin' down South for now. Things were getting too hot for me in D.C. I'm taking a break from that environment. You might say I'm on sabbatical."

Indeed, the temperature was rising in Maryland. My organization had utilized several tactics to thwart Bofah's ambitions. However, the spies, agents and trickery all

came up short.

We were certain that "Operation Smother," utilizing Agent Double-D, would initiate the demise of K. Bofah.

First, this temptress was to use her physical gifts and charm to manipulate The Lion's actions. After controlling our man's mind, she was to deplete his assets by demanding nights on the town, distract him by constant nagging, and crush his confidence by claiming "he ain't s---."

Any normal man would have been destroyed.

However, Boss was wise to the game from the start, and "Operation Smother" failed miserably. Agent Double-D was the butt of jokes between Bofah and his allies as a jeering Kofi described our airtight plan as a "head mission." Agent ID #34DD crossed over and started working for the other side.

They don't call him The Big Pimp for nothing.

Honorable citizens of The United States of America, I implore you to destroy Kofi Bofah and his ambitions.

The above information shall be of some assistance to you, the law-abiding citizen. However, it is vital that one realizes that Bofah has changed his description while in North Carolina.

The wrongdoer has cut back many of his former indulgences to a minimum. The lavish spending, wild partying and womanizing have been eliminated as Bofah attempts to remain incognito.

Thus, locating and tracking this outlaw has become increasingly difficult. Of course, The Lion has utilized his time down South productively. He is accumulating armaments at an alarming rate and is preparing for warfare.

So take heed; HUNGIGOLO is armed and dangerous. He is capable of annihilating any opposition. One on one, toe to toe, nobody can stop him. Gentlemen, you must unite to topple this dangerous figure, Kofi Bofah.

--Lieutenant Jimmy Crow

Kofi Bofah is a junior business major from Silver Spring, Md. Send leads to bofah26@email.unc.edu.

READERS' FORUM

Ideas Attributed To CAA President Were His Opponents'

TO THE EDITOR:

As the former campaign manager for Michael Songer and Adam Walters, and a current member of the Carolina Athletic Association external relations committee, I was deeply offended by the misrepresentation of the efforts of CAA President Tee Pruitt in the Aug. 25 Daily Tar Heel.

The article asserts that in his campaign, Pruitt promised to enable students to use ONE Cards for concessions at football and basketball games and to install a sports ticker in the Pit. Not only did Pruitt never propose these ideas, but he vigorously attacked their feasibility during his campaign (claiming that ONE Card scanners would cost \$500,000).

In his first term, Pruitt discouraged efforts by his sports marketing committee to install a sports ticker because he did not believe it was possible.

Even at the start of his second term, Pruitt informed Songer and Walters that successfully installing a sports ticker was highly unlikely.

Despite Pruitt's constant skepticism, Songer and Walters successfully worked out plans to install both the ONE Card concession scanners and a sports ticker in the Pit with absolutely no cost to students.

UNC students rely on The Daily Tar Heel to ensure accountability for the student leaders who represent them, and it is imperative that the paper provide accurate information.

The Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2000 issue of the DTH clearly shows that Songer and Walters, not Pruitt, proposed these ideas. The DTH's cursory reporting destroys the ability of students to accurately judge the leaders they elect.

The CAA should be commended for its accomplishments this year, but we should give credit where it's due.

BJ Talley
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Future Senior Parties Should Include Those Not Yet 21 Years Old

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter concerning the senior events of this past week at Player's and He's Not Here.

I am in the small minority of seniors who are not yet 21 years old, and it disturbs me that the senior class has organized events in which not all seniors may participate.

I have no problems holding senior parties at local bars, but some arrangements must be made so that those under 21 can participate. It does get frustrating when I can't join my friends in going out and having fun.

All I ask is that the senior representatives plan the rest of their events more carefully in considering the entire senior class.

Thank you for understanding.

Sheryl Freedman
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