

# Columnist Puzzles Over Duke Fans in Blue Heaven

As the Duke University basketball game approaches us on Sunday, much will be written and said in the media about the great rivalry that we share on the basketball court with the pricks from Durham. Dickie V. will loudly proclaim to anyone who'll listen that the UNC-Dook battle "is the best in America ba-by;" Billy Packer will undoubtedly heap praise on the Dookies while briefly mentioning that the Tar Heels will too play in the game, and countless DTH writers will rely on bashing Dook to get 850 words (guilty as charged).

In fact, in my four years at Carolina and a lifetime as a Tar Heel fan before that, I've probably read or heard thousands of such pieces on the rivalry. But despite all the information that's out there on UNC vs. UNJ at Durham, there has always been one thing that I've never seen answered. If the hate between us and Dook is so intense, then how in the hell are there Carolina students that are, gasp, undercover Dookies?

I know, it seems too horrid to imag-

ine, but these sick souls do exist.

There are actually people trolling around the Southern part of heaven, watching games in the house Dean built and walking the same hallowed grounds that Billy Cunningham and Charlie Scott once did, who are ... excuse me while I lose my Chick-Fil-A ... Dook fans. These aren't the demented people who pull for Dook "when they're playing anyone else besides Carolina." Oh no, they're far more troubled than that. These fellow Carolina students are certifiable Wojoloving, Krzyzewski-adoring, Cameron Craziest who think Shane Battier is actually taking a charge when he's flopping under the basket.

They've rooted for Mark Alarie over Joe Wolf, Johnny Dawkins over Kenny Smith, and Jeff Capel over Jason; they're full-fledged Dookies.

The scary thing is that you can't even spot out these narcs. They wear the same khakis and Carolina blue oxfords we do, they get hammered at the same bars we do, and some even have the gall to dance on top of overturned cars



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to celebrate beating Dook like you do. (Y'all are on your own on that one.)

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I'll never forget the first time I met a fellow Tar Heel student who was a Dook sympathizer; it was at C-TOPS before my freshman year. I had just gotten out of the one program I actually attended during the three days of C-TOPS when I tried to make small talk with someone I thought would be a fellow Carolina fan for the next four

years. I was commenting on how I thought it was pretty cool that even the fire engines in Chapel Hill were Carolina blue, when the Dookie told me that she hated the very sight of our shade of blue. She said she had always been a Dook fan and always would be, no matter where she went to school.

After coming back to consciousness, I wondered if this could really be true. Are there really Dookies in Chapel Thrilla?

Sadly, over the years I've come to find that there are Dookies all around us and have even developed close friendships with some of these twisted folks. Surprisingly, aside from the fact that they feel that naming your court after your head coach is more than a cheap way to satisfy his ego (Ladies and gentlemen, the *Pete Gaudette* 35-second shot clock!), they're usually good people. That's why its so bewildering that they voluntarily subject themselves to watching Coach K and his merry band of ex-point guard washouts constantly berate the refs.

At first I tried to blame the confused

Tar Heels' distorted loyalties on sheer ignorance. It's understandable that somebody could grow up in a Dook household and thus cheer for Dook until he or she came to college. I figured while he or she might even root for Dook for freshman year, surely after four years on the Hill, this would

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change. Well, here it is four years later, and that theory has gone the way of the pet rock. I see the same ol' Dookies, and they still think that, blah, Grant Hill is better than Vince "I'm So Naaaaaaaaaaaaasty" Carter.

So then I tried to reason that sheer stupidity was why some Carolina students rooted for Dook. I knew it was a reach, but I was starting to get desperate. As expected, that theory turned out to make no sense, because I overlooked the fact that all the dummies

around here were already pulling for N.C. State University (ya'll didn't think you'd get away unscathed did you?).

Alas, the mystery of why a UNC student would ever pull for Dook remains unsolved. But all is not lost, as I saw the Dook fan from C-TOPS partying on Franklin Street after our win in Durham. "How come you're out here celebrating?" I asked in an excited drunken stupor, thinking she had switched sides. "I thought you were a Dook fan." "I am," she said, "except when Carolina

winning means a huge party."

Oh well, I guess some things never change.  
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## Scalping Duke Tickets Takes Them From Deserving Fans

Scalping sports tickets is probably one of the easiest ways for Carolina students to make money.

We get the tickets for free, and we sell 'em for a fortune. Tickets go up on e-Bay, and they get sold over the phone and e-mail.

It can be a pretty profitable venture. Especially for Duke University vs. UNC tickets.

I heard a story last week in which a couple of graduate students in a one-year graduate program sold their seventh-row tickets for \$500 each.

As the story goes, they went shopping, out to eat and uptown on their profits.

This probably happens all the time but it still makes me sick.

I could be sitting in those seats, but instead I will once again cheer on Carolina from home.

While I am a strong advocate of the senior distribution policy for Duke tickets, there are several "other" types of students who should not be allowed in this elite, one-time distribution. Students in one-year graduate programs and students in their last year of a graduate program are allowed the "senior" status for this one game, and it's not fair.

Lots of these graduate students get these tickets and just turn around and

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sell them; they couldn't care less about the team or this very special game.

They see it as an easy way to make money.

This offends me. There are a lot of students, like myself, who do care about actually being inside the Smith Center for that annual rival face-off. It's a shame that so many tickets fall into undeserving hands.

Many of these graduate students didn't do their undergraduate years here and might not realize just how special this game is to many students. And if some of those students did do their undergraduate work here, it's also unfair to give them a second opportunity to go to the game over a student who hasn't gone at all.

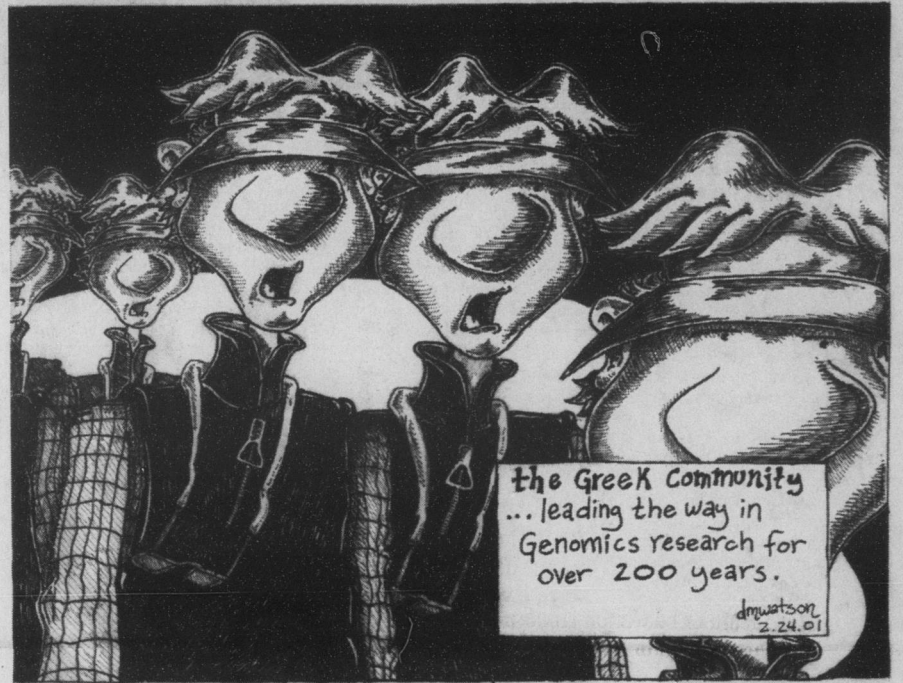
While it is understandable that the Carolina Athletic Association wants to give graduate students a chance to catch this game too, (graduate students are people too,) they shouldn't be allowed the "senior" status for distribution, giving up some of the best seats to a bunch of scalper strangers. There is a large number of seniors who will be sitting in the "nosebleed" section,

when they could be sitting in the lower-level seats that some graduate students have sold off.

At the Duke distribution a couple of weekends back, there were fewer than 100 tickets left for undergraduates. And it's justified for the majority of tickets to go to seniors, but in the future, graduate students should be mixed in with the undergraduate distribution. Seniors should be sitting in the best seats and shouldn't have to share this one-time privilege with graduate students. Make it a real "senior" distribution.

Scalping tickets is a big part of sports; there is no doubt that it isn't nice to pick up a ticket outside of a venue. But the Duke game is not just any other game; it's sacred to many students. So, for those scalper students selling off those tickets, check yourself and stop being so self-serving. Either go to the game and cheer on Carolina, or give them to someone who will.

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## Chaney Would Make CAA More Efficient as Its President

Reid Chaney should be the next Carolina Athletic Association president. Reid has the drive to be a terrific CAA president, which is clearly seen in his innovative ideas for CAA. If Reid is elected president, he will bring a new face to the office. This will allow new views to be expressed, rather than relying on what has worked in the past.

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While many plans in place right now are first-rate, there are several alterations that can make the organization much better. Reid's platform reflects innovations that will make sure CAA works better and more efficiently.

The most obvious of these changes is Reid's two-part method for bracelet distribution. Rather than having students make their way to the Smith Center on Tuesday through Thursday

of distribution week, Reid's plan will have bracelets available for students from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Pit from Monday to Thursday of that week. By doing this, he will allow more students to get bracelets if they want them.

Clearly, this allows greater accessibility for UNC students and will increase fan support throughout the season.

The second part of his two-part basketball distribution plan works just as well. Cheating will be eliminated by using a master list of students from the Registrar's Office.

When students arrive to get a bracelet, they will show their UNC ONE Card to the person distributing bracelets. Upon doing this, they will have their names marked off the list, which will not allow them to obtain another bracelet.

This will also allow us to reveal the bracelet number before Saturday morning. While this will provide more work for those in CAA, the overall outcome will be in the best interests of the entire student body.

Reid is putting yet another twist on ticket distribution that will increase the chance students have of obtaining rarer tickets.

Currently, rarer tickets are given to the same students for each of the games in a distribution block. Reid's plan would allow for more students to obtain rarer seats by giving rarer tickets out a single game at a time during a distribution.

For example, if the distribution block was Wake Forest University, the University of Maryland and the University of Virginia, certain students would get rarer tickets for Wake, others would obtain them for Maryland and

still others would get them for Virginia. This would allow three different sets of students to have rarer seats and will let more students experience them.

Reid is a major supporter of Carolina Fever. He feels that Fever provides a spirit and intensity at olympic sporting events that many times would not otherwise be there.

In addition to olympic sports, Fever also plays a huge part in basketball and football games. The enthusiasm that Fever shows at these games encourages other students to be just as loud.

Reid believes that Fever is a great organization, and believes it deserves to keep its basketball tickets.

In the past, there was a drop off in Fever activities after basketball season, but Fever now has rollover points.

This means that for sports members to attend in the spring, points will count for them in the next year, creating a much more effective organization.

Realizing the importance of olympic sports, Reid has also developed a five-point integrated marketing plan for

olympic sports. He will use the CAA listserv, the sports ticker, the CAA and Residence Hall Association newsletter, the CAA Web site and continual Pit events to make sure that students know what is going on in Carolina athletics, especially in olympic sports.

Carolina's olympic sports are the best in the nation. No other programs continually show the same excellence. But the support for these teams is lacking.

By increasing the presence of olympic sports, more students will know about the games and will want to attend. By making students more aware, this in turn will undoubtedly create much more support for these great teams.

Reid is also planning the creation of a student sports leadership council, so that students can voice concerns about anything sports-related - from those who play club sports to those who use the Student Recreation Center. A forum for students to express their opinions will provide more student voices and ideas to be heard.

Clearly, Reid Chaney has great plans for the CAA. If he is elected, his presidency will create a more open and student-oriented organization.

Reid's fresh plans and ideas will create a better situation for students and sports at UNC and a more efficient CAA. On Tuesday, make the choice that will benefit Carolina for years to come. Vote Reid Chaney for CAA president.

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## Vote Songer for CAA President For Changes in Organization

Michael Songer eats puppies. Yep, and then he lies about it. And that's before he stabs Tee Pruitt with the lights out, abolishes olympic sports and ruins the Carolina Athletic Association. Keep dishonest puppy eaters out of the CAA!

Look, don't believe the hype! Songer knows changes need to be made in the CAA and he has the experience to make them.

Tired of wondering if the Duke ticket distribution was rigged so that you didn't have a fair shot at tickets to the biggest game of your life? Songer promises to hold the drawing for the winning ticket distribution number live in the Pit next year, not holed away in a secret room. As The Daily Tar Heel Editor Matt Dees said in a column last week, "The bottom line is that something stinks."

Songer will ensure that any interested person can come to the Pit and watch the number get picked right in front of their own eyes.

Tired of waiting in line for hours on Saturday morning only to not get tickets or to need a telescope to see the court? Songer will institute a staggered ticket distribution - you will know when to show up at the Smith Center ahead of time and will get your ticket in less than one hour.

Tired of being 450th in line and not getting lower-level seats? Next year, Songer promises to distribute 300 more lower level tickets for every game. How? Songer has repeatedly promised not to take the pile of lower-level seats given to the CAA president. His opponent has never pledged not to

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hoard all these tickets from students.

Through his experience in the CAA Cabinet, Songer has also seen that some positions in CAA are entirely unnecessary. Instead of sticking his friends in these cushy positions so they can get CAA basketball tickets, Songer will eliminate the spots and return the tickets to the student body.

Tired of a special interest group that makes up 2 percent of UNC students (Carolina Fever) getting about 14 percent of the lower-level tickets to every game? Songer will give all students an equal chance to get basketball tickets, regardless of the organizations, jobs, classes or other activities they devote their time to. That means the 170 Fever tickets will

be given out at distribution on Saturdays. Tired of the only memorable event of Homecoming Week coming when Outkast's microphones screw up? Songer has already made contacts with several promoters and is working to bring a big-time event to UNC for Homecoming next fall.

It's no accident that Songer was endorsed by the DTH and the Black Student Movement and Jason Capel and soccer All-American Jena Kluegel. Songer is standing up to a powerful special interest group (Carolina Fever) to do what is best for the entire student

body. He has received several death threats, dozens of late-night prank phone calls and about 30 truly hateful e-mails. And that's not to mention having his name dragged through the mud in the slanderous and inaccurate e-mail sent to more than 5,000 students the night before the first CAA election.

The e-mail was so slanderous and illegal that the Board of Elections took the bold step of calling for an entirely new election.

Still don't think that Songer wants to change the CAA? Consider this: The current president, vice president and former vice president of CAA are all supporting Songer's opponent. Is the CAA establishment terrified of Songer because he will institute a truly honest ticket distribution system and stop the free flow of tickets among the clique of CAA Cabinet members?

As current members of the CAA Cabinet, we have seen how poorly the CAA represents students and the changes that need to be made. We never believed that anyone would have the courage to take on the system and propose the changes that Songer is fighting for. Due to the threatening calls he receives from people who oppose his candidacy, Songer is barely able to sleep at night, but the entire student body should sleep better with Songer as CAA president. We sincerely ask you to take 30 seconds tomorrow to vote for a better and fairer CAA by voting for Michael Songer. Just watch your puppies.

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