

Board Editorials

Unifying University Efforts

Administrators have started addressing student concerns by keeping residence halls open during part of Spring Break, but more solid measures need to be taken.

In an effort to make a ghastly situation a bit more bearable, UNC administrators told students that some residence halls could remain open for the UNC-Duke basketball game.

It's the least they can do. After calendar confusion led to the Duke-North Carolina home game falling during Spring Break, administrators must use any means available to assist students willing to trade their first days sipping margaritas in the tropics for staying in the very residence hall from which they had hoped to escape.

University policy, NCAA rules and broadcast contracts contribute to administrators' inability to change the game's date. Taking shots on a beach during Spring Break doesn't factor into the equation.

As a consolation prize, the University is trying to alleviate the students' pain by keeping the halls open. But there's a catch.

Rick Bradley, assistant director of housing and residential education, told The Daily Tar Heel, "I would say we offered to stay open if the rest of campus can provide services."

What must follow is the agreement of other university departments to shoulder their portions of the burden as well.

If UNC students must sacrifice part of their well-earned Spring Break to support the Tar Heel basketball team, the least the University can do is keep necessary services up and running.

While keeping some residence halls open is a good start, University officials must also provide places for the students to eat and communicate.

This means ironing out any confusion over the use of meal plans and providing students with alternative dining options that are open at reasonable hours.

In addition, officials especially need to provide sufficient police presence to ensure public safety. It would be almost impossible to find a UNC student who is happy about the date of the Duke game, but there is no use dwelling on something that can't be changed.

That doesn't change the fact that University administrators must be willing to assist students staying in town to support their team.

Cultivating Culture of Service

A new program recognizing students' commitment to volunteerism reinforces the University's core mission of public service.

Chancellor James Moeser touched on the importance of UNC's commitment to public service in his State of the University Address on Wednesday.

The University is in a better position to fulfill that mission thanks to a new program recognizing students' public service.

According to UNC News Services, the program, which should be widely applauded, will be run by the Carolina Center for Public Service. The program was started with the aid of a \$15,000 grant. The grant will fund the program's first year, after which leaders will seek private donations.

The new recognition program will require the completion of 300 hours of community service, two courses on public service, various workshops and a final paper or presentation.

Students who fulfill the requirements of the program will have "distinction in public service" added to their transcripts. The program will offer

students skills and experiences that can only be gained outside the traditional classroom setting.

The distinction will encourage students to pursue community service while teaching them skills essential to leading careers in public service, an avenue that CCPS leaders hope students will take.

Serving the public — "all the people of the state, and indeed the nation," as stated in the mission statement — is one of UNC's main duties. Moeser would be wise to explore similar initiatives that appeal to student interests and play on the University's strengths.

In addition to encouraging UNC students to contribute to that obligation, the new CCPS program will give well-deserved recognition to those who zealously show their commitment to the community.

With the help of this program, the University can fulfill another of its most important commitments — adequately preparing its students to be good citizens who readily contribute to the public sector.

A Hand Up

It's vital for community residents to support Carrboro-based Club Nova, which works to help integrate the mentally ill into mainstream society.

Second chances don't come often in life. Tragically, they come even less often for the mentally ill because their condition makes it harder to get their feet off the ground.

Club Nova, a Carrboro-based employment program for the mentally ill, is trying to turn that around by helping locate jobs for participants and training them for those new positions.

Local business owners should hire qualified applicants from the program, which likely would allow Club Nova to expand its outreach efforts and help even more people.

Club Nova helps mentally ill citizens — often considered by society as inefficient and a drain on government resources — pool together to overcome the stigma frequently associated with their condition.

It's a welcome change from past efforts. Early mental institutions in this country were marked by torture and ineffective treatment.

As the institutions began to reform themselves, mental patients then underwent a routine of hard work and good rest, which was termed the "moral

treatment."

It proved that mentally ill patients could still contribute to society. However, this system of slave labor justly came to an end.

Certain mental institutions in the country have begun to rehabilitate patients using paid work programs based on the ideals of moral treatment.

Seasoned mental health specialists would agree that work helps to foster self-respect, give renewed confidence and occupy time — helping prevent the patient from lapsing into delusions, hallucinations or depressed thoughts.

Sigmund Freud, working around the turn of the 20th century, stated that good mental health relies on love and work for balance.

Club Nova fits that new philosophy perfectly. Not only does it provide temporary work opportunities but it also offers a chance for participants to engage in social interaction, also vital to the rehabilitation process.

The surrounding community should recognize Club Nova's efforts by giving the program its support and a chance.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above editorials are the opinions of solely The Daily Tar Heel Editorial Board, which were reached after open debate. The board consists of eight board members, the assistant editorial page editor, the editorial page editor and the DTH editor. The 2002-03 DTH editor decided not to vote on the board and not to write board editorials.

DTH Looking for New Faces

When I was selected editor, I had grandiose plans for The Daily Tar Heel's recruitment process. I have always thought having a diverse staff brings only benefits to our newsroom, and I wanted to attract a good cross-section of campus to our staff.

In the past, the DTH's recruitment process has been rather passive. In an effort to be more proactive this year, I entertained notions of targeting campus groups, circulating e-mails and speaking to various classes.

But when all the DTH editors discussed these ideas at our August retreat, we realized that there would be many problems associated with a campaign of this sort. We eventually agreed that targeting specific groups would be unfair and that general publicity is the best solution.

The problem with approaching student groups is that more than 500 of them exist. Limited resources and time prevent DTH editors from going to every one of UNC's student groups, so who do we pick? Take cultural groups for example. How do we decide between the Black Student Movement, SANGAM, the Carolina Indian Circle and CHisPA? Or political persuasion — do we approach the College Republicans, Young Democrats, Choice USA, Carolina for Life or the Carolina Review?

Although it might seem that making some effort is better than making no effort, the problem lies in where to draw the line. No matter who we approached, somebody would cry foul and assume the DTH was picking favorites.

Instead, the DTH has tried to step up publicity efforts. We've held interest meetings and run announcements about our hiring process daily. Ombudsman Michael Flynn this week encouraged readers to apply, and today I am doing the same.

The application process is open to everyone — not just undergraduate journalism majors. As a teaching paper, we hire people with all ranges of journalism experience — even none. We're looking for students of all ages, backgrounds and beliefs, all races, majors and religions. A more diverse newsroom will only help us better our coverage and grow as journalists.

And this is a great opportunity for people who have criticisms of the paper. In the past we've been called racist, sexist, too liberal, too conservative (yes, we've heard both), too out-of-touch with students. If you think any of these are true, apply to be on staff. We need your voice in the newsroom.

A little-known fact — the truth is, we hire just about anyone who applies as long as he or she shows enthusiasm and dedication. So that means that if our staff isn't representative of the campus community, then we're not getting all the right applications. That's where you come in. If you're willing to work, we'll find a spot for you.

Please pick up an application in Suite 104 of the Student Union. Applications are due by noon Monday. We look forward to inviting you on staff.

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In preparation for Stage 3 water restrictions, Bob decides to take drastic measures to curb his water usage...



Sept. 11 Anniversary to Renew Questions Over U.S. Patriotism

The one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks will no doubt be marked with television commemoration and specials, emotion and a bonding among Americans that usually is only seen, sadly, when we are devastated as a country.

As everyday Americans, we quarrel with, look down on and detest each other. We refuse to look past our differences, never missing an opportunity to embellish those differences. We practice hate crimes, whether it's denying a person admission into an establishment because of what he or she is or killing him or her because of it.

That is, until we are forced to be just "American," like we were after the attacks against our country ensued. The difference between the everyday American and the fair-weather patriotic American is distinct and obnoxious.

After Sept. 11, no longer were we fill-in-the-blank-Americans (African American, Native American, Hispanic American, etc.), just American. Not a woman, poor person, homosexual, etc. trying to make it or to be accepted in America, just American.

In many cases it takes devastation to cause motivation, downfall to aid success and chaos to bring positive change. However, in the case of Sept. 11 it took too much — about 3,000 deaths, destroyed American landmarks, lost hope and a

really pissed off population — to cause patriotism. And that's sad.

After Sept. 11, we suddenly could identify with each other. There were many "this shows us how petty we are" speeches, as well as epiphanies that we could overcome that pettiness.

Well, I'm sure many people knew better, but I think many actually thought it was possible.

Don't get me wrong. No doubt, after the Sept. 11 attacks, patriotism was widespread and commendable — let's just say I wish I had invested in the flag business right before it happened. It didn't last, though. Months after, the "we are the world" sentiment became "we are better than the world." And we stopped caring as much.

The Red Cross boasts that more people gave blood between Sept. 11 and Oct. 1 than ever before in that time period but regrets that only 20 percent gave blood later. This is only one example, and I'm not going to into every volunteer organization that has lost participants since Sept. 11.

The point is that patriotism in most cases is not as heartfelt as it should be. Many people don't care about patriotism until they think their democracy and way of life is being threatened or mocked.

And unfortunately we were mocked. America, the mighty nation that can con-

quer and detect all, was attacked by terrorists from "underdeveloped" societies. The terrorists trained on American soil and got satisfaction by proving their point — America is not as invincible as she thinks.

The fact that people decide to band together and attempt to make change only when they feel threatened demonstrates the lack of sincerity in collectiveness.

Now, a year later, new information have evolved and we're at war. Ground Zero has been cleaned up, attempts to compensate the families have been made, and paranoia about flying has reduced.

In addressing the attacks, President Bush urged Americans to ensure a "culture of service" in America. He got it — in the form of a trend, not a lasting attempt on the part of Americans, though. Sept. 11 made it cool to wear American emblems on anything one owns, to cry during the Star-Spangled Banner and even to support the president — unless you're extremely liberal, of course.

Patriotism should never serve as a trend. If after Sept. 11 you put a flag up, gave blood or volunteered, you did a good thing, but not good enough if you've stopped.

Next time a terrible event unfolds on America, become patriotic for life or just pray for the better — save the performance and don't mock those who were already waving their American flags on Sept. 10.

Love me or hate me. Praise me or condemn me. It's all interchangeable. Contact me at drayton@email.unc.edu.



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Gridiron Despair

UNC lost to Miami (Ohio) on the same weekend the Duke football team broke its 23-game losing streak. So which one was the fluke?



Packing Heat

Budget cuts have led to the Appalachian State University police chief teaching a class. Potential class topics include "How to Beat Up Stoner Hippies" and "Respect My Authority!"



Party Pooper

A Chapel Hill resident with a list of supporters is pushing town officials to re-examine Apple Chill.

Thankfully, Halloween partying has been spared so far from petition-wielding residents.



Facing the Future

Chancellor James Moeser laid out a plan to make UNC the leading public university in the nation. Watch your back, Berkeley!

TAR HEEL QUOTABLES

"It's not taking Appalachian treks across the land."

ENVIRONMENTAL SPOKESMAN JEFF HARRIS
About the northern snakehead fish that can walk on land. And all this time you thought walking fish liked to hike through the mountains.

"Yeah, we're smarter than the college kids."

30-YEAR-OLD POST OFFICE KID GILES GENTRY
This coming from a man who's spent the past six years of his life hanging out by a post office with teenagers.

"People are just ready to get out of here."

HOUSE MINORITY LEADER LEO DAUGHTRY
On proposed session limits in the legislature. That's cool, but please finish the damn budget before you go.

"Someone has to take the lead and if it has to be Fayetteville State, we have no qualms about that."

FSU STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT DEON WINCHESTER
On the Keep N.C. Educated voting campaign. When FSU takes the lead in anything, people should be worried.