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Ballad of the edit page redesign

elcome my children, come sit on the floor, And rest all your eyesies, 'cause eyesies get sore

From all of that reading and thinking and blinking, In pages that leave your hands stinking of inking.

Here in the Edit Page, you can

In our new, easy, fun page, where brains, we won't tax. We've got lots of pictures and big, easy words,

Just sure to deter all those word-reading nerds! So pull up a pillow, curl up on

the floor.

While I tell you the tale of the Edit Page War.

Back in the ages of candles and stages,

Before the world Web and 900line sages,

The people were forced, by the dark evil forces,

To read in old books (and to ride on old horses!) Stories that dragged on for

pages and pages —
The same boring tales, read for ages and ages.
Like long-winded tales, about

hunters and whales, And stories of glories on seafaring sails.

The newspapers then had fell prey to the Thinkers, Whose over-thought thinkings were killing the Inkers.

But what the mad Thinkers did not seem to know,

Was the slow-growing power of powerful foes.

Called the Glass-Eggers, for all their awards In outstanding service to corpo-

rate lords, A cubicle army was ready to fight For Thinkerless-news, their American right.

And leading the Eggers was a fearless rights-fighter
The one-eared white knight, that
they called the Sound-biter.

And the morn they were ready, at first light of dawn,

The Glass Eggers charged on the mean Thinkers lawn. "Your days here are done!" bellowed out the Sound-biter, As he plunged his chart pointer through the heart of a Writer.

"No more will we read thoughtout-thoughts or opinions You'll all answer now to our financial minions!"

"And the minions have told us your word-covered spaces, Are the place to print ads with celebrity faces.

"And soon, as the readers get used to this look,

We'll phase in the TV and phase out the book!"

And from that first day, the Eggers ruled hence, Basing all their decisions on dollars and cents.
And the Sound-biter rose to be

king of the state, And was hailed by the Eggers, Sound-biter the Great!

And he soothed all the people by banning thoughts thicker Than those that could fit on a cute bumper sticker.

And that is the story how it all

came to be, That the Edit Page now can be read from age 3

For the Eggers have told us, and they're always right, "Less words and more pictures make people delight! And when people delight in

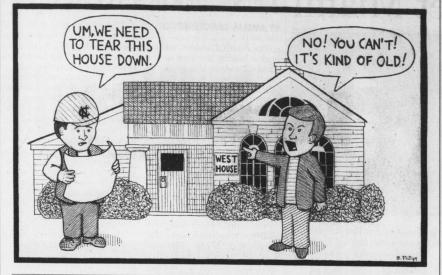
those less-wordy spaces Our bar graphs will grow tall in all the right places! So before you doze off, to dream

candy-cane dreams, Give thanks to the Eggers, for how simple life seems. And that you'll never have to

fear Thinkers or Writers, Or crazy outsiders whose sights are inciters.

And know, like good shepherds, they'll think for their sheep, So your eyesies and brainsies can drift off to sleep.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Mason Phillips, mphil@email.unc.edu



LACKLUSTER CHOICE

While not a bad pick, there are better senior speakers

The senior class has waited with bated breath for months to learn the name of the speaker and performers who will grace Senior Celebration.

After staying mum all year, Senior Class Officers Bobby Whisnant and Jenny Peddycord finally have announced that Jasmine Guy will be the featured speaker for the class of 2006. Not to discount Guy as a potentially dynamic speaker, but her selection begs one very important question: Who?

Guy has long performed

JASMINE GUY

Her start: Dancer on the TV series "Fame" in 1982

Claim to fame: Role of Whitley Gilbert Wayne on the early '90s series "A Different World," which followed several students at a historically black

Most recent acting: Roxy Harvey on the 2004 season of "Dead Like Me."

Other work: authored the biography of Tupac Shakur's mother, "Evolution of a Revolutionary.

loday is the day.

until 5 p.m. today to get to

Davis Library, fill out a voter

registration form and run it

over to the Orange County

If you don't make that easy

trip - or an easier one to the

World Wide Web - then you

Where to get a form: Chapel

REGISTER TO VOTE

public libraries. Or download

the form online at www.sboe.

state.nc.us/pdf/form06.pdf.

Take it to: Orange County

Hillsborough, N.C. 27278

Board of Elections

110 E. King St.

Board of Elections.

If you're still not reg-

istered to vote, you have

on television, stage and in the movies and even has written a book. An impressive résumé, but for most seniors, the last they saw of Guy - if they're familiar with her work at all was as Whitley Gilbert Wayne on the 1980s television series "A Different World," which ended when the majority of seniors

were only about 10 years old. Guy isn't a bad choice for the Senior Class Address, and most likely the speech will be engaging, but with options such as Danny Glover, Maya Angelou, Lance Armstrong and purported back-up and Tar Heel demigod Dean Smith on the table, the final selection is disappointing for many folks.

In his statement Wednesday to The Daily Tar Heel, Whisnant claims that most students can relate to "A Different World." "Even if we didn't grow up watching the show, a majority of students know what it is and can put a name with a face."

This is a bold hyperbole considering that there is no way to know with whom or what most students could identify or that most would be familiar with an actress from a television show 13 years removed.

Register to vote today

Today marks the deadline for voters to register

won't be allowed to vote in pri-

easy. After you register at

Davis Library, you can go to the

Morehead Planetarium and

Science Center between 9 a.m.

and 5 p.m. on April 24 through

April 28 — or between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on April 29 — and

already be registered and can

just go vote again in the gen-

eral election whenever you get

some free time. We'll let you

know when those dates are

When you register - and

when they start approaching.

this is important for primary

voters - be sure to identify

yourself as either a Democrat

or a Republican. Even if you

Then, in late October, you'll

cast your primary vote.

Voting is easy - painfully

Whisnant also defended the choice, saying that Guy appeals to a broader audience than did Mo Rocca - last year's senior speaker. Guy certainly might appeal to a dif-ferent audience than Rocca, but it's dubious that she will appeal to a larger base of college seniors.

To crunch the numbers: Guy's most remembered role was in 1993; Rocca's was in 2003. Breadth doesn't hold as a legitimate justification.

While Guy might in fact be an amazing speaker, the justification for her selection is weak at best. Variety in speaker selection should be promoted, but there should be other factors under consideration when choosing someone who will appeal to several thousand

graduating seniors.

The whole reason we need Senior Address speaker is because Commencement speakers don't often reflect the interests or desires of the senior class.

It's just a further waste of money if the senior class speaker becomes a reflection of Commencement - we hope next year's officers do better.

North Carolina is a closed-pri-

mary state, meaning only regis-

tered party members are allowed

to vote in primaries; anyone who registers as an independent is

denied the right to vote for a

primary candidate. Regardless

of who you intend to vote for

in the general election, there's

no reason to let the parties take

away your right to have a say in

We would love to have an

open primary system such as

South Carolina's, where regis-

tered independent and unaf-

filiated voters can vote in any

cards for this election. Don't let

If you're not registered, go to

ness: Beer on campus means

no need for drunken beer runs,

understand some people might

not be ready for Coors on our

safety and legal concerns to

account for, as well as the logis-

And there will be legitimate

action on this initiative -

We are not expecting swift

either by car or foot.

primary, but that's not in

yourself be disenfranchised.

who ends up on that ballot.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"I love Bill Nye. I've seen his videos, and they pretty much rock."

PINAR GUREL, FRESHMAN, ON BILL NYE "THE SCIENCE

GUY'S" UPCOMING VISIT TO UNC CAMPUS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Due to space constaints, letters are sometimes cut. Read the full-lenth versions online at the letters blog, or post your own response to a letter. VISIT// apps.dailytarheel.com/wpblogs/archives/category/letters

Allred is excited and ready to serve the student body

TO THE EDITOR:

I am very excited to be inau-gurated and to begin addressing the issues that affect us as a student body.

First, I want to thank the student body for their ideas and support over the past month as I have been preparing to take office.

Second, I want to commend Seth Dearmin and his administration for their dedication and hard work over the past year, and I hope to continue building on

I am enthusiastic about the upcoming year. We will make positive changes at UNC and pursue our mission to become the top public university by virtue of our service to students

I will work hard on my platform every minute of next year, and I look forward to working with the student body to help

accomplish each of these goals.
While the next year is going to be a busy time for me, never hesitate to stop me when you see me and voice your opinions to me I am here to serve the student body and can only do that by constantly soliciting your input.

Thank you so much for your support, and I look forward to serving the student body over the next year.

> James Allred Student body president

Dance team shouldn't take a backseat to cheerleading

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Tuesday's article about the UNC cheerleading team's trip to nationals. I think the article very well represented the cheerlead-ers efforts but neglected to men-tion the UNC Dance Team.

The dance team is an integral part of the Carolina Spirit program and has also worked very hard to prepare for their national competition.

Last year the dance team placed third in the nation, beating all North Carolina and ACC teams, and is currently ranked third after sending in a prelimi-

nary video. The team has a very good chance at taking home the

title this year. Many people are unaware of everything the dance team does, as they are unable to showcase all of their talents at games. Monday night's showcase included performances by both the cheerleaders and dance team, who both should do well at nationals this year.

Lindsay Williamson Class of '05

Self-segregation should be allowed if it is so desired

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to respond to John Brian Heath's letter on April 3 responding to my earlier letter.

When you repent, believe in Jesus Christ, are baptized and receive God's Holy Spirit, you are then placed in the body of Christ and become a spiritual Israelite.

But you cannot come in as you are. God does not support multiculturalism. You must accept the laws and standards that God has set forth in the Bible and forsake your own ways and traditions. You then become heirs to all

the promises that God made to Abraham and also the promise of

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people, white, black, Asian, etc., who feel they need to separate and preserve their culture and race, then they should be allowed to do so without persecution.

eternal life as a member of God's

natural-born Israelites are God's

chosen people but can lose their reward by rejecting it.

The founder of the church Heath was referring to preached geographical segregation and forbade interracial marriage in the church

Now I was not saying there should be forced segregation

by all, but rather if any group of

the church.

In other words, Gentiles must be become Israelites, whereas

If others want to mix, let them also do so without persecution. Freedom for all beliefs.

> Don Wheatley Class of '74

Both speakers for class of '06 are a waste of money

TO THE EDITOR:

Concerning the senior speaker, I'm quite disappointed that the senior class is throwing away \$10,000 for Jasmine Guy, an alleged celebrity.

I thought listening to yet anoth-

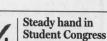
er stuck-in-fantasy-land liberal like Wendy Kopp at Commencement would be bad enough.

How can we possibly rectify this situation and make our graduation at least fun and memora-

ble, yet get something out of it? Well, it is quite simple. Let's take speaking fees and buy scratch-and-win tickets.

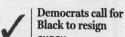
That way we can all try to get something out of it and help edu-cation much more than Teach for America ever could.

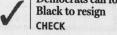
> Joshua S. Davis Senior Chemistry



CHECK PLUS

The re-election of Luke Farley to the position of Speaker of Student Congress will make for a smooth transition into this year's Congress. Farley also will be able to continue improving the body's transparency and efficiency.





N.C. Democrats are telling House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, to step down.
But it shouldn't have had to

come to this. Rooting out corruption requires corruption to exist in the first place.



The fiery wrath of **Mother Nature CHECK MINUS**

Compared with last year, brush fires in our immediate vicinity are way up - as in twice

So be careful when putting out those cigarette butts or playing with matches.

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Davis Library. Now. Not later. Now. Put the XBox controller don't agree with either of the Deadline: Today by 5 p.m. two major parties, it's still down, and take part in democ-What are you waiting for? important to register with racy. You'll thank us later.

Winning combination Selling alcohol could increase revenue for the University

ooze and golf might be coming together at UNC — grab your clubs and line up a designated driver.

University officials are considering selling beer at Finley Golf Course - UNC's very own golf facility - so that it can be more competitive with other golf courses in the area.

The Finley grounds have been seeing fewer and fewer visitors since it was renovated - beer might bring back the swingers.

And while we're at it, there's another UNC facility that could benefit from being allowed to sell beer - our very own campus.

Yes, reader, we want to walk into any Student Stores location and be able to pick up a blue book and some Pabst Blue Ribbon - or, you know, a beer scious thinking to our mad-

that actually tastes good. We understand that some

of our more socially conservative colleagues might not like increasing Tar Heel access to sweet, sweet hops and barley. But there are adults on

campus who can drink if they choose to, and it is time to consider letting those 21-year-olds buy their beverages of choice.

There are also quite a few alumni who might enjoy knocking down a few cold ones Wes Miller knocks down 3s in the Smith Center. We're sure the now-sterile sports "bar" at Rams Head would benefit.

It is also time to start considering letting Student Stores cash in from the sales, too. There is some safety-con-

But as frosty, cold drinks start popping up for on our golf course, we ought to think about letting them show up at campus concession stands. There is money to be made

tics of the affair.

and students will be first in line to crack open.
At UNC we are ready to

from sales, alumni will enjoy it,

drink and learn responsibly.