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## Why I still can't stand the Dookies

I always hated it when alumni came back and waxed rhapsodic about their undergrad years. "Yes," I'd always think, "I know there were kegs in the dorms, there was free love outside Bingham Hall, everyone sung in harmony about a perfect world, blah blah blah..."

So why listen to me, you might ask? Well, usually in this spot the DTH runs an old chestnut I wrote about Why I Hate Dook. I had a Wednesday column back in the Bronze Age of 1990, and I told the story of how my high school visit to Durham turned into a flaming pyre of white-hot hostility.

When the piece ran, I thought my friends would disparage the obviousness of it - writing a column about hating Dook? Jesus, that's like shooting barrels of cod! Instead, the column ended up on refrigerators across the Piedmont, and it taught me two lessons. First, don't overthink your duties; and second, never underestimate the hatred for Durham Clown College.

A whole cottage industry has since grown out of the UNC-Dook rivalry; two big-selling books, endless coverage on ESPN and gigabytes of Photoshopped files featuring Mike Kryshwqhsdkd. What used to be private disgust is now a public phenomenon, and it raises the question: Is Dook still worth hating?

I assumed, like everyone does, I'd mellow once I graduated. I'd gain a little perspective, and my passion for beating Dook would gradually drift away. I would grow hair on my ears and suddenly think sitcoms were funny.

I'm here to tell you these things don't necessarily happen. My eye-twitching contempt of Dook's basketball team grew even more intense. How couldn't it, when faced with such a consistent hoopster jerk factory?

How can you watch any Coach K press conference and not feel this man is a modern-day Narcissus so fixated on success that he'd throw his own players under the bus? A tightly wound mess of resentment and profanity, the toxic combination of a control freak with a thinly veiled persecution complex? Yes, I was a psych major.

And believe me, I wouldn't bet three cups of snot that there isn't some person like me in the other camp, the Dook fan who has his own dime-store theories on why Carolina is a blight on the athletic world. But I wouldn't trade places if the Buddha himself showed up wearing a navy blue unitard.

I'll tell you why: I got to choose my church. Having grown up without an organized religion, I adopted the Carolina Way. I adhered to the Dean-Gut-Roy belief system, and incorporated it everywhere: doing things the right way; playing hard, smart and together; valuing your family above all.

We all burst from Chapel Hill in a plume of gorgeous blue smoke, wafting to all corners of the globe where other like-minded souls await. The "sky-blue mafia" has beds for you in Manhattan, an internship in Hollywood, and we'll save your spot in line at the K&W in Rocky Mount. There is no old boy's network, no secret handshake. We just share our affection for a town on a hill, and this: When we see Dookies clogging our TV, our lips curl, and we seethe.

Is Dook still worth hating? Take a look at Sean Dockery slugging Tyler in the mouth. Find yourself in the midst of the Kameron Krazies, a numbnut group of ravenously twee dorks who shellac their nipples with blue food coloring, scream cruel epithets at opposing teams, then jump up and down with the mindless lockstep of the Communist military.

There's just so much to despise! Every religion must have its Devil, and ours are Blue. Whether you're in an 8 a.m. Econ class trying to stay awake, or in your nursery trying to get your daughter to sleep, we're in it together. Break his ankles. Ty! Punch it home, Rey! God bless them Tar Heel boys!

*Editor's note: The above column ran on the day of last year's Duke game in Chapel Hill.*

# BEAT DOOK

## Help wanted

UNC should offer financial aid to illegal immigrants

Money can't buy you love, but it can buy you a better future. Unfortunately for many in the U.S., including those who are here illegally, that better future comes at too high a price tag.

The departure of UNC's Scholars' Latino Initiative founder and religious studies professor Peter Kaufman for the University of Richmond has brought new attention to the future of local undocumented Latino students.

SLI is a program aimed at helping Latino high school students get to college. About 50 percent of its participants are undocumented immigrants.

Kaufman cited Richmond's agreement to provide financial aid to undocumented students as an incentive for his move.

While it is too late to keep Kaufman, UNC should be allowed to provide financial aid on an institutional basis in order to attract the most diverse, talented student body possible.

As an arm of the state government, the state and federal governments have purview

over UNC, thereby limiting the action it can take with regard to illegal immigrants.

That does not, however, preclude the University from doing anything to help them.

We like to think that universities exist primarily to educate people. In this vein, we'd like to see UNC have more control over who can and cannot receive an education here.

Illegal immigrants currently are excluded from aid programs. This should change so that UNC is permitted to provide aid to all students deemed capable of attending the institution in the form of programs like work study, Carolina Covenant or other merit- or need-based aid.

Including undocumented immigrants under the University's aid is preferable to simply charging these students in-state tuition rates.

UNC was created as the University of the people of the state of North Carolina - as in the people paying taxes to the state of North Carolina.

Many undocumented immigrants do not pay income taxes

to the state because to do so would require a Social Security number or other form of legal identification. Also, students must have residency status to qualify for in-state tuition, and residency requirements include citizenship or other legal residency in the country.

In this case, it is preferable that the University, which accepted the student, has the authority to hand out aid or scholarships.

UNC needs to ensure the resources put into the SLI program don't go to waste by not giving those in the program help paying for a UNC education.

Undocumented students likely haven't had the choice to come to the U.S., but they will decide whether to use their talents here in North Carolina or take them to another state or country.

At the end of the day, though illegal immigrants shouldn't be offered in-state rates, it only makes sense to educate those students who can contribute to our state in the future by providing service programs like SLI and offering financial aid.

## A bright idea

Take advantage of light-bulb swapping program

In an effort to conserve energy on campus, the UNC Sustainability Office has extended a program that gives out free energy-friendly, fluorescent light bulbs to faculty and staff for use in their desk and floor lamps.

The move represents the first step toward eliminating the energy-wasting incandescent bulbs from campus, and professors would do well to make use of the extension of the program.

Despite the fact that fluorescent bulbs cost almost \$7 more than the old dinosaur bulbs, which discourages people from buying them, they use a fraction of the energy of incandescents, and they last 10 times longer.

It makes sense then that the free light bulbs have been

acclaimed as one of the brightest energy-saving ideas in recent campus memory.

As with any paradigm shift, however, there are those on campus who prefer the old-fashioned to the new, in this case incandescents and their deliciously natural yellow light to the bright and trendy glow of fluorescent bulbs.

Fortunately for these old-school faculty and staff, UNC Energy Conservation Manager Warren Jochem is a step ahead.

Rather than spewing out shades of blinding greens and blues, the new compact fluorescent bulbs being given out caress users into a state of environmental bliss with a gentle, yellowish, soft-white color.

Unfortunately, the bulbs are

only free for state-appropriated buildings such as libraries and classrooms, so the dining halls will have to bask in incandescent light until their budgets appropriate a bit more green for their green cause.

Or perhaps Lenoir and Rams Head can just turn off the lights. In the dark, students might not fully comprehend that their Philly cheesesteak looks like burnt seagull strips. And everyone knows that when stomaching a tasty meal at Lenoir, mentality is half the battle.

As long as fluorescent bulb users do not begin turning their noses up at the rest of the population like first-generation hybrid car owners, the switch is a wise and vital step on the path to sustainability at UNC.

## The scarlet bracelet

Sex offender tracking shouldn't be a life sentence

In January 2007, North Carolina began tracking sex offenders with satellites, waist transmitters and anklets. A year into the program, there is increasing opposition questioning the constitutionality of such tracking programs.

The law requires judges to impose a lifetime of GPS tracking on three main categories of sex criminals who already have served their time in prison: a repeat offender, a sexually violent predator or an aggravated sex offender.

The law itself has a lot going for it at first glance, but there are a few bumps in the road that might help appeals declaring the law as unconstitutional.

Keeping an eye on the whereabouts of sex offenders is nothing new. Registries started in the 1990s so that the public and law enforcement officials can know who they are and where they live for public safety reasons.

But even though the public has a visceral reaction toward sex offenders, the government still isn't allowed to take away their constitutional rights.

While it's true that only the worst of the worst sex offenders are (un)lucky enough to sport the hottest new Lindsay Lohan ankle accessory, wearing it for life seems excessive. Time on the program should be sentenced, just as other punishments are.

At this time, there are only about 85 offenders wearing the monitors, with 60 of them wearing them for life.

Additionally, some of the "ifs, ands or buts" of the program slow down the offender's integration back into society. The program currently requires offenders to stay home between midnight and 6 a.m. each day.

While we understand assaults are more likely to happen at night, we have to look at the effect of this restriction.

What if the only job they could get is at night?

Forcing sex offenders to be at home during key social hours could even have the potential to send them into boredom or depression, increasing their chances of repeating yet again.

Also, the GPS trackers often lose satellite contact in cars and inside buildings, causing deputies to be alerted, something that offenders have an incentive to avoid. This means that if the receiver loses contact, the offender must stop what he is doing to contact deputies and regain the satellite link.

While the technology gods have the ultimate say, these devices shouldn't interfere with daily life.

We're not here arguing that sex-offender laws shouldn't be strict. However, the program must not prohibit sex offenders from becoming functional members of society.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"I think it's awfully difficult to go from crutches one day to playing against Duke the next day."

ROY WILLIAMS, BASKETBALL COACH, ON TY LAWSON

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Vote against fee increase during Tuesday's election

TO THE EDITOR:

I urge all students to vote against the safety and security fee hike that will be on the ballot in the upcoming student body election.

Supporters of the hike will tell you they need more money to help rape victims and that voting no is like voting against rape victims.

But don't be deceived or frightened. This rhetoric simply isn't true. I'm all for safety, but they've already got plenty of extra money.

Fact: Even without an increase, the Victim's Assistance Program will get \$10,000 increased funding next year.

Another fact: The fee has a surplus - repeat: surplus - of more than \$10,000. In addition, each previous year the fee has built up additional surplus ranging from \$15,000 to \$24,000.

Proponents will tell you that they are required to have a surplus equal to three months of the yearly operating budget in accordance with University accounting practices. But the \$10,000 surplus covers three months.

I made a commitment to you last semester to fight fee increases. Most of your other student government leaders have never seen a fee increase they didn't like.

Every chance they get they vote to approve fee hikes. So it's up to us as students to do what our student government has failed to do: Protect us from fee hikes.

The fee increase is just a few cents. But what kind of message do we send to the Board of Trustees when they're thinking about raising our fees and tuition when we are so quick to raise fees on ourselves?

Let's send a clear message and vote no on this unnecessary, unjustified fee increase.

Tyler Younts  
Speaker  
Student Congress

#### Don't play the race card; 'freshwhite' is acceptable

TO THE EDITOR:

I don't understand all the hullabaloo over so-called "racist" language.

Words like freshwhite, chair-white and whitepower have been elements of English for centuries, and I don't see any point in changing them now just to appease a radical minority.

Why would we want to destroy the beauty of a phrase such as "all whites are created equal" by replacing it with something so plain as "all people are created equal?"

Clearly "white" when used in these contexts actually refers to all people. Those who argue otherwise are clearly just looking to play the race card.

I'm sick and tired of hearing about the racism that they imagine in our language. (They) should just get over it and work on an issue that actually matters.

I believe the above would generate a good deal of outcry, were it real. Why? Because it's racist.

So why is it acceptable to defend gendered language in very similar terms?

Meghan Morris  
Former DTH Editorial  
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#### Make an effort to get rid of all divisive language

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm pleased to see so many columns denouncing sexist, patriarchal language at our University.

In the spirit of moving UNC toward being inclusive of all peoples regardless of race, gender, religion or creed, I would like the University to start taking steps to remove all religiously prejudicial language from their documents, starting with the word "Chapel."

A chapel is, by definition, a "separate area in a Christian church" and is commonly used to refer to Protestant churches specifically.

How can UNC claim to be a front-runner in progressive education if it continues to perpetuate the marginalization of non-Christian and non-Protestant Christian sects?

Although this is just a preliminary suggestion, the title "University of North Carolina at Place-of-Worship-if-You-So-Choose-to-Hill" would be more inclusive.

We wouldn't hesitate to change the term if it were "Man Hill." Why should "Chapel Hill" be any different?

Or maybe the meaning of language is inherently flexible and its connotations and surrounding consciousness evolve as the views of society change.

Maybe certain identity groups fabricate problems or exaggerate issues so that they can make themselves feel like they are contributing to a cause that has some sort of purpose.

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#### Many Greeks are working to keep the planet green

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Tuesday's article, "Fraternity helps lead Greeks' green efforts," (Feb. 5). Phi Gamma, however, is not the only Greek house working for sustainability.

Sigma Nu is also diligently working to become more sustainable. Sigma Nu has been in contact with the UNC Sustainability Office to figure out ways to go green and to look for funding for its efforts. The fraternity is also switching all of its light bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs and is working to convert to water-saving shower heads.

Additionally Sigma Nu is spearheading a partnership with student government's environmental affairs committee, the UNC Office of Recycling and Waste Reduction and Orange County's Solid Waste Management Department to establish a regular collection schedule in Fraternity Court.

The organizations are encouraging Greek houses to recycle and are raising awareness about the necessity of recycling.

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