

The Daily Tar Heel

76 Years of Editorial Freedom

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DTH Endorsement

Todd Cohen For Editor

The Daily Tar Heel every spring traditionally endorses a candidate for president of the Student Body and a candidate for editor of the DTH.

This year we break with tradition and endorse only the candidate for editor that we would like to see become editor, Todd Cohen.

We decline to endorse someone for president because in the past students have consistently expressed the opinion that it is unfair for The Daily Tar Heel to throw its support to one of the presidential candidates. These students have said that they would rather make the decision themselves without any interference from the paper.

However, we feel that it is both fair and obligatory on our part to say whom we think should be the



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next editor of the paper.

We feel that the editor of the paper should be elected by the students, since it is the students' paper and an election is the best possible way for them to express their opinion on the general direction the paper should take.

At the same time, however, an editor whose ideas may appeal to most of the students, still has to be journalistically able in order to implement those ideas.

We feel that the staff of the The Daily Tar Heel is the best judge of which candidate is most journalistically able. This year's staff has overwhelmingly decided that Todd Cohen is that person.

We have made that decision both on the basis of what Cohen stands for and what the other candidates have done.

Cohen has several changes that he will make in the paper which we believe will improve it.

Cohen's suggestions are:

—establish an editorial board, chaired by the editors, the editorial board would help the editor write editorials, a task now almost completely assumed by the editor. The advantage of this is that it will leave the editor freer for administrative duties and will allow for greater expression of dissenting views.

—establish a position of news director whose job it will be to keep up with what's happening on campus as thoroughly as possible. I see it to that all reporters stay on top of their beats.

—establish a weekly page in the paper that would be a review of the preceding week with greater emphasis on interpreting the news.

—improve residence college and Greek news. In covering residence

colleges Cohen would have someone stay in contact with a representative of each college all the time. For fraternities and sororities Cohen would emphasize providing potential rushes with information about the fraternity system and individual houses. Cohen has also suggested a regular Greek reporter and columnist to maintain close contact between the paper and the fraternities.

improve intramural coverage and begin covering women's athletics.

Cohen is the most experienced candidate in the race. While Grainger Barret, the other candidate endorsed by the Publications Board, can only claim experience on the recently formed Carolina Chronicle Cohen worked for four years in high school on a weekly paper superior to the Chronicle. Cohen worked on the Daily Tar Heel his freshman year and fall of his sophomore year on the academic affairs beat.

Just as important in the race as Cohen's strong points are the failings of the other candidates.

Two of the candidates were endorsed by the Publications Board: Cohen and Barret. These candidates supposedly are qualified to hold the position, according to the usual criteria of the Board. However, Barret received his endorsement in a very questionable manner. In the two days preceding the meeting of the Pub Board Student Body President Ken Day called several members of the Board into his office and told them that he would appreciate their voting to give Barret an endorsement. Barret, according to some members of the Pub Board, received his endorsement by a slim majority.

Bryan Cumming, the third candidate, has drawn the disfavor of many persons because of his questionable tactics. He got many student leaders and DTH staff members to sign his petition so he could get on the ballot. These persons signed the petition with the clear understanding that they were not meant to show that they supported Cumming for editor. Cumming, however, then turned around and used the signatures in a manner designed to imply that those persons who signed the petition were supporting him for editor. This was not at all the case.

In addition, Cumming has been going around the campaign circuit in fraternities and sororities making absurd campaign promises which he probably could not carry out, and which, if he did carry them out, would make the Tar Heel less than a paper for the whole campus.

Specifically, he has promised the Greeks a half a page a day devoted to their activities. This is a ridiculous promise for any journalist to make. He should take the news as it happens. If on a given day there is enough happening in fraternities of importance to occupy two pages, then there should be two pages of that news. If there is nothing happening on a given day, then there should be nothing printed. To promise a half a page a day is ridiculous, however.

Cohen received his Pub Board endorsement legitimately. He has resorted to no tricks in the campaign. He has sound ideas, good experience, staff support, and the energy necessary to assume the responsibilities of the office. We hope that you will vote for him on Tuesday.

Letters

To the Editor:
I am a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. I realize that, in the eyes of a good many citizens of our state, this makes me at best, the unwitting dupe of "The International Communist Conspiracy". It is for this reason that I point out that I am a veteran, with four years of service in the army to my credit, and an unblemished record. In the course of my army duties, I spent three years in Berlin, and was able to collect what I feel is a better-than-average awareness of communism and its methods.

Of late, I have seen many of these tactics in operation. They are easy to recognize. The most obvious one is rigid police control of public gatherings. The second is restriction, by threats or actual violence, statements which are counter to the wishes of the group in power. The third is centralization of power in the hands of a few leaders, with an extensive, powerless bureaucracy surrounding the inner power structure.

I am not aware of the overall impression the general public has gathered concerning the recent incidents at our University. I do feel, however, that the brief statements I have made are recognizable to all who have been concerned about the issue. Need I say more?

Thank You,
Lewis P. Walker
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More Letters

Cozza's Ideas Off-Base

To the Editor:
I wish to respond to Mike Cozza's article of March 20. Cozza states that Wayne Hurder "never accomplished" his duties as editor to assemble a DTH staff consisting of the "most competent journalists on campus." Is Cozza one of the members of Hurder's staff who is guilty of non-accomplishment, and in Cumming's words, "slanted, emotional" news coverage? Judging from the distorted truths he includes in the article and the plain facts he excludes, he merely is an irresponsible campaign pamphleteer.

Cozza says "Cumming and Cohen are former DTH staff writers." He fails to make the point clear that Cumming has been active on the DTH Staff up until the beginning of his campaign, and also, that Cohen is an ex-writer, having quit the staff at the beginning of this year. In an accusation of underhanded tactics which is unintentionally ironic, Cozza talks of a "large sign plainly implying" that seven members of the DTH staff had endorsed Bryan Cumming. He excludes the fact that there was at that same table a sign of equal "immensity" (14" x 8 1/2") stating (in larger letters) "This is not an endorsement—Your signature will help get this name on the ballot. That is all." Cumming is perhaps guilty of tremendous enthusiasm and drive, but to "question his tactics" is a bit unfair.

Cozza attacks Cumming because Cumming said that SSOC and other political organizations have in the past received too much coverage. He should have emphasized that Cumming was ASSIGNED to write articles on SSOC (in addition to many others). After all, who decides what articles and how many are put in print, the staff writer or the editor?

In conclusion, I hope that the misinterpretations of Mike Cozza will not be accepted as objectively true, but instead recognized as emotional campaign propaganda.

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Apathetic Groups Decline Competition

To the Editor:
We were quite surprised to read in a recent DTH of the founding of the Committee for the Representation of Apathetic Persons (CRAP). The founders of CRAP bemoaned the evident lack of an organization for the representation of the majority of UNC students. This is to inform Mr. Smithwick, Mr. Kirkland, and their associates that Los Iracundos have been serving this function since the beginning of the year. The CRAP platform parallels that of Los Iracundos almost exactly, even to the point of plagiarism. Since both organizations serve the same purpose, the founding of CRAP can only be viewed as a wasteful duplication of non-effort.

THEREFORE, in order to re-establish our position as the most effective representatives of apathetic students at UNC, Los Iracundos announce the candidacy of Sanford Clyde Garner for President of the student body. Last year 67% of the students at UNC did not vote for any of the choices for President. Obviously, they felt that none of the choices were worth their time; yet their opinion had no effective outlet. This year by not voting, the great majority will be able to support Mr. Garner. Although he is a candidate, Mr. Garner will not run a campaign. Thus, he will have much more experience in doing nothing, an important prerequisite for the office. We of Los Iracundos ask the students of the University to join us in this vital first step



"Students dissatisfied with the courses of study or atmosphere at their college can go somewhere else."

- Gov. Robert Scott

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Hello, Lyle? Remember...

It is ironic that when the announcement came through that the workers were going to get their \$1.80 an hour and the strike would likely end soon, Chancellor Carlyle Sitterson was in Louisville. Reliable sources had it that Assistant to the Chancellor Claiborne Jones called him on the phone to tell him of the news.

"Lyle, I've got good news for you."

"Good news? You mean someone's protesting the Purdue game?"

"No. They're going to get their raise."

"Who is? What raise?"

"You know, Lyle. The cafeteria workers."

"Oh, great! Does the Governor know about it?"

"Of course, he's the one who gave it to them."

"I knew he'd come through one of these..."

"Sure, Lyle. Now there're several things we must do."

"You're pretty sharp, Jones. Let Prillaman put out a statement saying he's going to throw a big party for the workers."

"No, no. You want someone else

to make a statement. Don't use Prillaman for anything. You know how you blew it when you told them he was monkeying with the time cards as a permanent job. You should get some super-duper word wizard..."

"Good, Jones. Tell Pete Ivey that he should make up a press release saying how strenuous our efforts to provide the workers with what they want have been. Now I really can't talk much longer because there are a number of parties..."

"But Lyle, it is vital that you come back soon. I've heard rumors that ROTC is next on the activist list."

"ROTC?"

"Reserve Officers Training Corps, dummy. We've got to start planning for when the Governor gets upset and sends in troops to close the Naval Armory, Lyle."

"That boy'd send in troops to close the school for Easter vacation if someone gave him half a chance."

"Yeah. But you'd better come back anyhow."
"Okay. And thanks for calling me about it. Sorta wish it had been about a protest on that Purdue game, though..."

Campus Vigil Prompts Poetry

To the Editor:

DICHOTOMY

A vigil on the campus—
a fight for dignity:
Give them all you have
your time and your money;
Drink up on the campus lawn,
then throw down your cup
So the little black man—in dignity—
can come and pick it up.

"All we need is love":
the call you hear so big;
They yell it every minute,
between calling "Facist Pig."
Degrade the men in uniform;
take their dignity back;
Wrap it up in private guilt
and give it to a black.

Oh you who think you must defend,
you must protect and fight
For a people of a different skin
who themselves can't do it right:
Look closely at your actions;
take idealism and be gone,
For it won't work if you want to choose
whom to practice on.

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SAT's—Good Method

Of all the demands made to University of North Carolina Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson by UNC's Black Students' Movement last Dec. 11, perhaps the one which has come under the most fire from the academic community's non-radical element is the first one—that "Black students be considered for admission (to the university) on the basis of high school performance and recommendation and not by SAT scores, as they are based upon white middle-class standards."

It seems a bit absurd to declare SAT scores unsuitable for determining admission because they are based upon white middle-class standards without declaring the curriculum at UNC to be based upon those same white middle-class standards. A student who cannot achieve even a minimum SAT score will not be able to do the work required to graduate.

SAT tests are divided into math and verbal sections. It is common knowledge that an otherwise adequate student who happens to be inept at math can still satisfy the general college requirements for math by taking logic or other substitute courses. But a student who cannot make a reasonable score on the verbal section, which includes reading comprehension, spelling and punctuation, among other things, cannot be seriously considered for acceptance into a liberal arts university in which great quantities of reading and writing are required.

In short, either one can pass the SAT

test, or he cannot do the work demanded of him by that school, because the same skills will be required once admission is gained.

SAT tests were originally devised to help alleviate the differences between high schools. High schools are just like colleges in that some are more difficult than and academically superior to others. The tests help discover what the student gained from his high school education. If he scored below a certain level, he is generally thought to be unlikely material for that school. It should go without saying that tougher schools have higher SAT requirements than easier ones.

It also might be mentioned in passing that North Carolina College in Durham, a Negro school, uses SAT scores as a part of its admission process. Can it be that a Negro school would base its admission requirements on "white middle-class standards"?

Some criteria of admission must be maintained, and it has been demonstrated that SAT scores are adequate indicators of ability to do college-level work. Attending UNC is an expensive proposition, and to admit a student who is unable to do the work would be to take that student's money for a semester or a year. A thousand or more dollars is a steep price indeed to pay for the knowledge that one is not prepared for the college work required at UNC.

With this in mind, we would like to make a proposal. A program for marginal

students might be put into effect which would allow those students to attend the less expensive UNC summer sessions prior to their freshman year. General college required courses could be taken with stipulation that a "C" average must be attained in order to begin the fall semester.

A good stiff dose of Mod Civ, Spanish, English and math should provide an adequate indication of a student's ability to do college work.

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