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PIRG referendum should be allowed

The North Carolina Public Interest Research Group (NC-PIRG) will again go to Student Legislature tonight, requesting validation of its petition for a student body referendum on the question of students funding the consumer project.

Though PIRG petitions have been circulating on campus for the past few weeks, it was recently discovered that they do not technically comply with Student Government elections laws concerning what information a student gives for identification purposes when he signs his name.

Though the legislature turned down a request for validation of the petitions last week by a 19-17 vote, legislators might well reconsider their actions when the bill is again brought before the body.

At present, the referendum would determine whether or not students want \$1.50 added to their student fees every semester in order to finance a staff of environmentalists, scientists and lawyers that would study and attempt to correct consumer problems in the Research Triangle area.

If the referendum was passed by the student body and the fee increase okayed by the Board of

Governors, the money would automatically go to the NC-PIRG staff, which would investigate problem areas pointed out to them by students. If a student did not believe the PIRG project to be a worthy cause, he would only have to ask that his money be refunded.

One legislator opposing the referendum, Rep. John Molen, argued that individual students should determine whether they wanted their money to go to PIRG prior to payment of fees in order to avoid the hassle of requesting a refund. And Molen's idea might make things a bit easier for the student who does not wish to contribute.

However, according to Bob Beason, PIRG campus coordinator, the University Cashier's Office has already said that such a plan would be financially prohibitive due to the added administrative burden Molen's proposal would bring about.

So it seems that the method of payment proposed by the local PIRG chapter—the same method that has been accepted by students at Duke University—is the only way the money can be collected.

Molen also said he felt students had a right to decide how they would be billed, and again he is correct.

But at the time the proposal was brought before Student Legislature, PIRG had already collected approximately 6,000 signatures from UNC students in favor of the fee increase.

And now, according to Beason, that figure has risen to more than 7,000.

It seems fairly apparent that an extraordinarily large number of students are in favor of the referendum since the number of signatures required for a petition to initiate a campuswide vote is less than 2,000.

And since so many students have signed the petitions, the vote should not be blocked by Student Legislature merely because of a technicality in the way in which the signatures were placed on the petitions.

It is the student body that has the right to decide if the UNC campus will become a part of the regional PIRG staff, and Student Legislature should not stop them from exercising that right.

Lana Starnes

Women excel in Olympic events

Holy Gloria Steinem! If it wasn't for the weaker sex, the United States may be walking away from the Winter Olympics in Sapporo, Japan, with nary an honor.

As it is, the U.S. team will bring home at least five medals. But look at the list of winners. It reads like Ms., the women's lib magazine:

Anne Henning, gold medal for speed skating. Diane Holm, gold medal for speed skating. Barbara Cochran, gold medal for the giant slalom. Susan Corrack, bronze medal for downhill skiing. Janet Lynn, bronze medal for figure skating.

Did we say weaker sex? Forgive us, you brutes, you.

—The Charlotte Observer
Women made a magnificent showing at the 1972 Winter Games held in Sapporo, Japan. Sapporo, a metropolis of 1.03 million people, was the first Asian city to host the Winter Games. In attendance were 1,128 athletes from 35 countries.

Susan Corrack, a 20-year-old athlete from Ketchum, Idaho, won the bronze medal in the women's downhill in 1:37.68. It was the first alpine medal won by an American since 1964.

Barbara Cochran, described by her coach as quiet and reserved with a petite 5'1" figure, won the gold medal for the giant slalom. Barbara grew up on Mt. Ascutney near Brownsville, Vt. with her sister Marilyn and her brother Bobo who were also contestants.

In the skating category Janet Lynn, an 18-year-old from Rockford, Ill., took the bronze medal for figure skating. Anne Henning, the gold medal for speed skating and Diane Holm, the gold medal for speed skating.

According to an Associated Press release Tuesday, Duke University has expanded a policy to make it easier for women to enter job categories where men predominate.

The revision of the two-year-old "affirmative action plan" installed by Duke President Terry Sanford, states that no vacancies in the classifications of

officials and managers, professional or craftsmen may be filled until:

—The vacancy is listed with the appropriate employment office.

—A diligent effort has been made to recruit female candidates for the vacancy.

The policy further stipulates that should a male be hired, the department head must certify his attempt to recruit a female and give his reasons for hiring a male.

A note to Mr. Sanford: Women want equal opportunity in hiring, equal pay for equal work and equal opportunity for advancement. They do not want special preference.

Gubernatorial candidate Lt. Governor Pat Taylor has named Ms. Kay Miller to the key campaign post of press secretary for his gubernatorial campaign. Taylor made the announcement Tuesday at a press conference at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh.

Ms. Miller is the first woman to hold such a post in any major Democratic gubernatorial campaign in North Carolina.

The post involves coordination

between Taylor and the N.C. news media. Her duties include writing news releases, phoning reports to broadcasting stations, organizing news conferences and fielding inquiries of the press.

Ms. Miller, a former newswoman, has worked with WTVD-TV, Raleigh, Durham, WFMV-TV, Greensboro, WPTF Radio, Raleigh and the Raleigh Times.

More than 350 women from 12 southern states met in Nashville, Tenn. over the weekend to make plans to challenge the rules and procedures under which delegates to the presidential nominating convention are being chosen.

Republican women present discussed ways to make sure that the 1972 Republican convention adopts new rules that would make the convention more broadly representative.

The Democratic Party is operating under such rules now, effective for this year's convention. Women, along with blacks, young people and other minorities, will be able to contest the seating of any delegation that does not comply with the new rules.

Based on what has occurred in states that have already completed their delegate-selection process, it appears probable that women will constitute more than 40 percent of all the delegates to the Democratic convention, compared with 13 percent in 1968. According to the reform rules, women should constitute half of all state delegates.

"A Woman in Communications—What It Is Like" will be discussed by Triangle area newspaper, TV and public relations personalities at 8 tonight in Howell Hall.

The program is sponsored by the Triangle Club of Theta Sigma Phi, professional women in communication, and will feature six five-minute talks followed by a question and answer session.

Speakers include Barbara Short, vice president, Inform, Inc.; Mary Day Mordecai, women's dept., Raleigh News and Observer; Marty Johnson, WTVD; Cornelia Olive, staff writer, Durham Morning Herald; and Fran Dressman and Mary Leaver, audience services assistants, Promotion Dept., WUNC-TV.

The Bayit

Judaism - the self discovery

(Editor's note: the following column was written by a collective of Jewish students.)

There is a strange silence around me, a large gulf of time and space between my recent thoughts and their distant objects. My thoughts, my mind, my being has been wandering through my four-thousand year history... what little I remember, what little I know.

How can I explain it to you? The knowledge affects me. Why these feelings of sadness, joy, anger, pride? A sense of nationalism? Perhaps.

Chauvinism? I think not. The feelings aren't unique; they are common to any whole person, to anyone who can find continuity with the world, to anyone who can unite with humanity and discover his sense of identity and self. The experience of such emotions would hardly be remarkable if I were an Indian, a Black, or a woman. You and I see and hear such expressions daily. As for me? I am a Jew.

Why a Jewish campaign for a Vietnam peace? Trees for Vietnam? Why Jewish Communal living?

Why are Free Jewish Universities springing up all over the country, including here at UNC?

Why are there over 35 Jewish student newspapers being published regularly in the U.S. alone?

Why a "Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry"? Why a "Youth Mobilization for Israel"?

Why a "Jewish Whole Earth Catalogue"?

The cries for action present in other struggles have not gone unnoticed by those involved in the current Jewish movement. College youth, particularly, are finding that existence as a Jew cannot be separated from humanitarian, political, and social concerns.

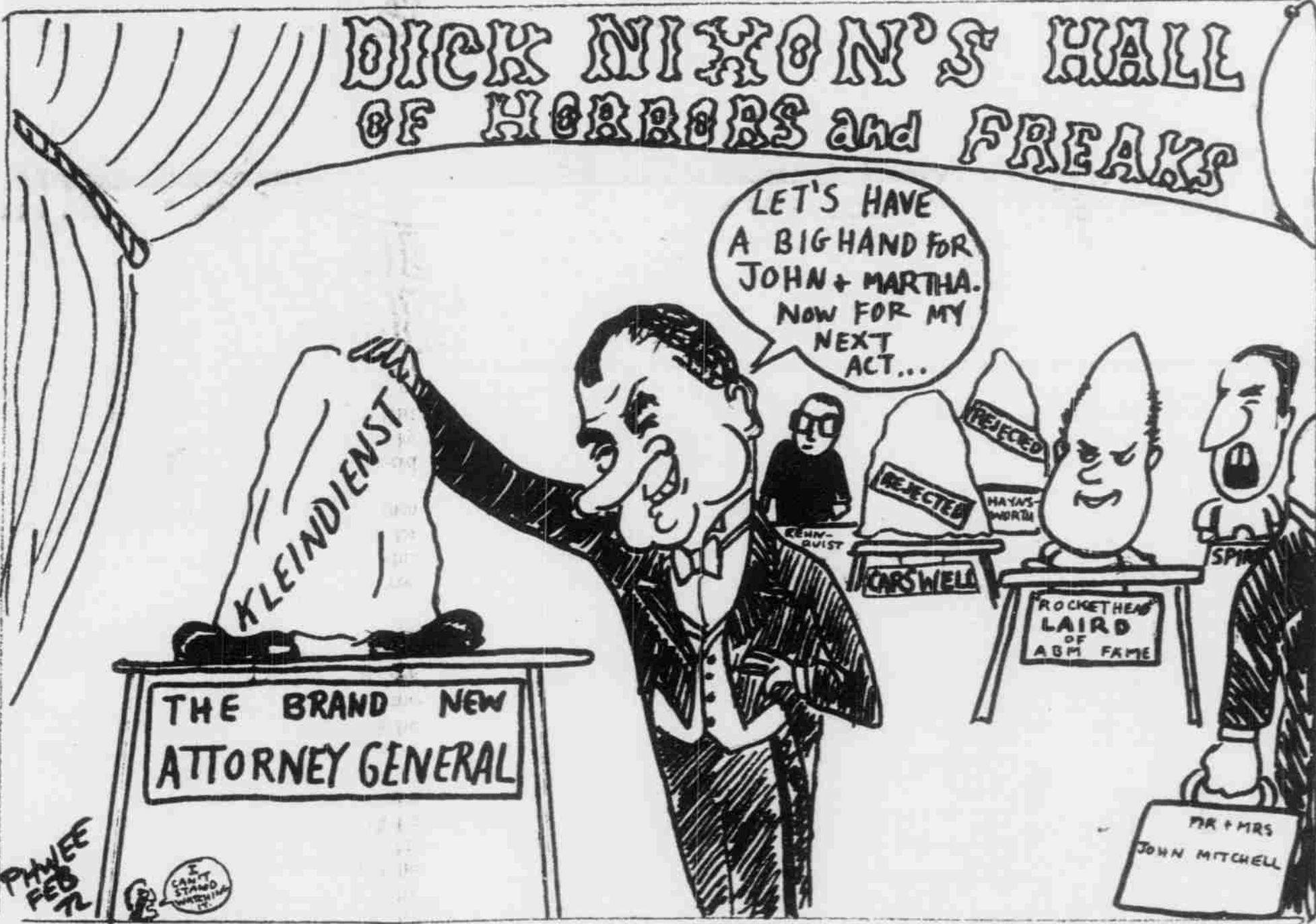
Many Jews, once thinking that Hebrew school offered no guidance for living today, are now changing their minds. To their surprise these individuals are discovering their humanistic principles to be rooted in their Jewish heritage. A Jewish campaign for Peace in Vietnam?

Many college students are finding that Judaism can only be experienced to its fullest extent as a total life style. The university situation offers an unparalleled opportunity to create a Jewish communal environment. Thus, numerous Jewish communes have begun around the country. Next fall a group of UNC students will be living in their bayit, their home.

What these individuals are saying is that Judaism needs to be experienced at all levels. It involves the search for identity, the search for self. Former Chapel Hill novelist, Herbert Gold, expressed the essence of this search in saying that man discovers meaning in life by finding himself as one with a history that continues; to be able to say "we" even when referring to the ancient past or the distant future.

Have I explained it to you? Maybe. There is a lot left for me to learn. But responding to today's problems, seeking my place in a vast history, I can begin to express my purpose.

Can a communal Sabbath dinner give life to 4000 years of history?



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Letters to the editor

Channel complaints through Coalition for Grass

To the editor:

I have been pleased to see that so many people are concerned about the appearance of our campus. But many have shown this concern through complaints about the Physical Plant and their upkeep of the grounds. As chairman of the Coalition for Grass I would like to see these complaints rechanneled through our committee, so that we might see what could be done. We might help explain Physical Plant's actions.

After talking to Mr. Larry Trammel, campus superintendent of the Physical Plant, I realized how willing he is to work with the students on our committee and how much he cares for the beauty of our campus. So many times when we are so quick to criticize the Physical Plant for a brick wall being laid or a wall being constructed, it is simply a matter of not understanding why it had to be done. Mr. Trammel's job is to make this campus beautiful, and he, who will probably live here most of his life, cares more than any student who is here for three or four years.

During my meeting with Mr. Trammel I discovered that many walks have been broadened simply because the existing width could not accommodate the increased foot traffic. It was also interesting to find out that the original plan for the pit area was a bed of grass on the lower level of the pit. Many of us have not understood the new bricking

that has been done around the trees in the pit area. Mr. Trammel remarked about the many different types of filler that have been tried. Brick seemed the only alternative when students used the aesthetic white stone to break windows in the surrounding buildings!

To sum up, I was overcome by Mr. Trammel's willingness to cooperate. We hope to establish a working communication between our committee and the Physical Plant. So we urge all who have gripes and/or interest to come and work through our committee to help make UNC the most beautiful campus in the country.

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Parking plan affects budget

To the editor:

The allocation of resources in higher education is certainly puzzling. On one hand students are correctly complaining about the absence of individualized instruction. Enormous classes and electronic gadgetry are employed with increasing intensity.

On the other hand there is the tragic PhD glut. Candidates who have the

education and desire to teach cannot because of budgetary restrictions. There are not enough funds left to hire additional faculty. What monies institutions have in these lean years seem more likely to be spent on capital spending binges than providing a more personal learning experience.

The University here at Chapel Hill may be less culpable of this misallocation than others in the state and nation, but the tendency is still present. Which brings us to the parking situation. Certainly most of us have experienced the frustration of the predatory search for the empty space (I can go one-on-one with anybody in the race for the car with newly activated back-up lights). The commitment of millions to alleviate this problem should be considered not only with alternative approaches to the whole transportation system but also the other budgetary priorities of the University.

"Self-liquidating" does not imply the financing of a massive parking plan would be without budgetary effect on the University. Funds diverted to parking may be returned (perhaps with interest) at some future time. But in the interim, alternative (and perhaps more productive) expenditures would have been postponed. If the money for the lot construction were bypassed, this would imply that debt capacity would be diverted from other opportunities.

From the outside, it seems as if the

parking proposal has been formulated in isolation both from the general campus transportation problem as well as the other budgetary priorities of this University. I hope this is not the case.

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Source of self the crux of all

To the editor:

If nothing were, then nothing would be possible. Thought would be impossible. Yet I am aware that I do in fact think, so my thinking must be possible; I must exist. As Rene Descartes put it: "I think, therefore I am."

This is man's first assumption, that he himself exists. He thinks therefore he is. Man assumes that he exists. Once he accepts this, the next question is: Yes, I exist, but what is "I"? Man can observe he has emotions, desires, goals, etc.. He assumes these are just as real as "I" is. All this accepted, the question "What is 'I' is still unanswered.

Such a question asks of a source—the source of who man is: Where did I begin? How did I come to be what I am?

One must ask oneself: Is an absolute, definite answer now possible? Is there any way, at present, we can observe the world outside of ourselves and discover

absolutely. How did I come to be what I am.

I think the answer is no. Certainly the most successful of methods based on observation, that of science, can not do this.

At present, we can not absolutely answer Who am I? by observing the world outside. This means we must make assumptions: each individual must decide his own answer to this question. What assumptions can be made?

The source of our beginnings could be based in mechanism-causalism, or in vitalism-teleologicalism. If in mechanism-causalism, there can be no forces governing nature other than those cold, lifeless laws themselves. We are, in this framework, the chance product of cold, dead laws. That means we are, in our life forms of meaning and purpose, nothing but the chance products of chance chemicals: We are big complex machines; we are, in our "beings," nothing of any greater significance than that which we make for ourselves. We are a complex collection of cold, dead matter which takes on the freak form of warm, "alive" matter. In the essence, we are dead.

Opposed to this is vitalism: natural law in an open system, in which a greater lifegiver gives life. One of these lifegivers is God, and His Son Jesus Christ.

We have no choice but to come to our own beliefs as children, because we can

Letters to the editor

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