

State Senate candidates

In the State Senate race, six Democrats are squaring off for the two seats to be nominated in the Democratic primary. In this contest, there are more than enough liberal candidates.

Candidates Russell Walker, Charles Vickery, Benjamin Swalin, and Joe Monroe all have put forward good programs. I believe that Walker and Vickery deserve special attention.

Russell Walker has supported progressive legislation long before it was popular in North Carolina. As a delegate to the 1968 Democratic National Convention, he supported the anti-war minority platform which was defeated by the party regulars. As Randolph County Democratic Chairman, he was effective, and he also successfully managed Nick Galifianakis' primary campaign in 1972.

Walker is from Asheboro. While geographic considerations should not be overly important, there should be a senator from both areas in the district (which points up the idiocy of multi-member districts,

which I hope the winners will work to eliminate).

From Chapel Hill, Swalin and Vickery both present good issues. Vickery, however seems to have developed broad support in both urban and rural areas (not that our district has much of anything urban: Chatham, Moore, Orange and Randolph Counties are not exactly big-city).

Swalin presents a classic liberal program that many would welcome in the General Assembly. As conductor of the symphony, he has served the state well.

Vickery, I believe, would do a credible and effective job in Raleigh. Another important point is that the District, while presently having two Democratic Senators, is only marginally Democratic, and Vickery would be able to wage an effective campaign in November.

Carl Smith is the third candidate from Orange County. A former State Representative and County Commissioner, Smith is not the evil fellow many would paint

him, for his record as a moderate-conservative is fairly consistent.

But his votes on issues such as raising tuition at UNC does not put his position at a liking with many students, which greatly contributed to his defeat by 200 votes out of 25,000 two years ago in this same race.

Durham County has some outstanding candidates running. Jim Keenan, a candidate for District Court judge, offers a refreshing new perspective on justice, that will begin to shake things up for those who think money can buy it.

In the County Commission race, incumbents Bill Bell and Nathan Garrett, a black minority of two on the five member Durham Board, are joined by Mrs. Spaulding, another black, in an attempt to revitalize Durham County politics. In the 11 man race for the three seats, Durham may stand a shakeup.

Of course, in the State House race, our friend Wilbur Hobby is trying to represent Durham. He and Micky Michaux and George Miller are well qualified for the three seats.

The only disappointing race so far has been that for District Attorney in Orange-Alamance-Chatham. The race, between incumbent Herb Pierce and challenger John Snyder, has been so devoid of issues as to merit an abstention.

District Attorney is the office that determined many things: what kind of drug offense will be tolerated and what will be eradicated; what kind of offenses will be petitioned and what kind of treatment and delays defendants will have. This kind of opposition is much in need of a better candidate.

Voters will have a chance today to meet many of the candidates for state and local office. Beginning at noon in the pit, candidates for offices such as U.S. Senate and County Commission will talk and be available to students. This is your chance to ask direct questions of many of the candidates.



Beating the Babe

Hank Aaron, the person (i.e., fellow human being), seems anticlimactic to his achievement. Whereas Babe Ruth never had to play in anybody's shadow (his was the biggest around), Hank has been eternally destined to Beat the Babe. And, that's almost un-American in itself. After all, how many movies have been made about Hank?

So, Hank Aaron has not only had to battle as a member of his race, he also had to battle a legend.

After hitting his 715th homerun Monday night in Atlanta, Hank very quietly ran around the bases in that homerun trot which has become almost customary of him. A couple of days ago, he said he might run around the bases backwards or on his hands to celebrate the event, but we all knew he wouldn't.

And, he didn't. He just watched the flight of the ball as it sailed over the fence 385 feet away. After he crossed first base, it was over. No big deal.

Between second base and third base, a couple of very uncool young fans raced onto the field and ran alongside Hank Aaron, as if they belonged there. After all, we paid our money, right? Oh, the irony of it all. Why can't people just leave him alone on this one moment of moments? Lord knows, all Hell's going to break loose when he touches home plate.

And it did. Atlanta can be Hell, and it sure broke loose. 56,000 people in attendance,

history sniffers to the core. "I was there..." they will tell whoever will listen to them for the rest of their lives.

The irony of the situation came 15 minutes later. One inning after the historic event, about one-half of those in attendance had very quietly filed out. It was only the fifth inning. Does that tell you something about the calibre of play of the Atlanta Braves or does that tell you something about the calibre of fan who attended the game?

A little of both, I'm afraid. But, I would venture to say that most had left because the party was over. They had been present when the Hammer did it.

It was a bit like people who go to the opera even though nothing could be more boring for them. They fall asleep. They don't listen, but that's O.K. because it's all done in the name of CULTURE. Five bucks to sleep in your comfortable sway-back seats, sir.

Hank Aaron only said, "Thank God it's over." He knows what's in store for him. He was the big attraction, the human 3-fing circus. This is his 21st professional season (all as a Brave). The Braves will flounder around in the standings as usual and end up in 5th place.

But on that night, Atlanta got what it wanted. Baseball got what it wanted. Curt Gowdy even got what he wanted. The fans went home happy, only four innings too soon.

—Alan Bisbort

Frank Drake

SCAU advice for off-campus housing

If you plan to be in town this summer or next fall and you simply need more than one room to move around in, or if the Housing Office has given your old room away and you don't like Granville Towers' prices, you'll probably be looking for an apartment or house in the Chapel Hill area. If you have already seen several Realtors, then you have probably heard similar stories.

Charlie Johnson of Kutz Realty, Inc. told us of some of the pitfalls students face in searching for a place to rent. Many Realtors and property managers lease apartments and houses on a 30 to 45 day notice. This means that residents do not have to notify the person from whom they rent of their intent to vacate until 20 to 45 days before they leave. Therefore, Realtors and property managers do not know until they receive this notice whether or not they will have certain houses or apartments to rent. So, going to a Realtor or property manager early does not always assure one of finding the best, or even any,

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house or apartment.

Quite often old residents bring in friends that hope to rent as soon as the old lease expires, making it harder for someone without connections to rent. However, Mr. Johnson advises students to come in immediately if they want an apartment or house beginning in May or June. For those who want to try for one beginning next semester, it is best to make the rounds in early July. A look at *The Village Advocate* and the classifieds of the *DTH* and *The Chapel Hill Newspaper* though, will reveal a trick. Often students will rent in May when places are more available, but sublet

through the summer. This way, they are guaranteed a place to live in September. This practice makes it somewhat harder to find an apartment or house, but luckily, it is not too widespread.

Mr. Johnson predicts that the market will be even tighter this year, with the older, more reasonable apartments going quickly. For those looking for houses or cottages, the problem is greater. Houses are usually rented under a 12-month lease, and these are generally renewed. One's best bet is to find a graduating senior and go with him when he gives his notice to vacate.

Rent prices in this area vary greatly depending on the quality and size of the apartment or house, naturally. One can expect to pay between \$75 and \$175 per month for the average apartment, depending on the number of bedrooms. Houses are higher, ranging from \$95 to \$300 per month. Individual apartments and houses are usually rented through Realtors, while apartments in large complexes are mostly handled by

resident managers. The situation is not impossible, however. Johnston believes that some places will be available even up to registration day, but these are likely to be more expensive, and in newer, more distant complexes.

The new addition of the SCAU apartment guide, *Southern Part of Heaven*, will be available in the SCAU office, Suite B, Room 263 in late April. They will be free of charge.

Letters

The Daily Tar Heel welcomes the expression of all points of view through the letters to the editor. Opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the views of the editors. This newspaper reserves the right to edit all letters for libelous statements and good taste.

Letters should be limited to 300 words and must include the name, address and phone number of the writer. Type letters on a 60-space line and address them to Editor, The Daily Tar Heel, in care of the Student Union.

Four courses: greater depth

It's that time of year again. We're all sitting around flipping through the Undergraduate Record trying to figure out which fifth course to take to broaden our education.

Depending upon what the Faculty Council does at its April 19 meeting, we may not have that problem to worry about anymore. On April 19, the Faculty Council will consider changing the present five-course, 15-hour load to a four-course, 16 credit-unit (essentially the same as an hour) load.

What are the advantages of such a change?

The Schutz committee, reporting on this campus in 1972, put it this way: "There is no magic formula which tells how many courses are 'enough' for a semester, a degree or an education.

"The number of courses must be large enough to encourage study in a variety of disciplines and subjects, but small enough to demand some work in depth. Having too few courses threatens the exploratory, liberal and broadening goals of undergraduate education. Having

too many courses breeds superficiality."

While some students delight in taking non-allied electives for the pure interest of it all, many feel that 40 courses fragments their attention too much. They feel that after four years their undergraduate major lacks depth and thoroughness of knowledge. They also recognize slides for what they are.

The top-ranked universities in the country have gone over to the four-course system, not because of the false illusion that it involves a reduction in total effort, but because they realize that it simply re-orders the amount of study-time delegated to different areas. Students will have more time to devote to major and allied courses, instead of to electives.

As Dr. John Schutz said last fall, the present educational experience is like a bath of academic salts, where the student emerges with a thin layer of knowledge. This, he said, encourages the worst in superficiality and pretense to knowledge.

Is this to say that an

undergraduate education is by nature superficial and that only by going to grad school can one be proficient? We would point out this—not everyone can make it to grad school, and a greater depth of knowledge is needed in a major field at the undergraduate level.

There is only a certain amount of time to be spent in the undergraduate educational experience. That cannot be changed. What can be changed is how the time is divided, and the question is: How necessary are all these electives?

We quote the Math Department from Duke University, which has gone to the four-course system: "One supposes, for example, that several of this University's graduates who have won notable reputations as novelists might have been able to write as good novels, and to be well-educated, even had they not had three hours of mathematics; similarly, perhaps many of our notable mathematicians may be considered educated without having read the novels of our graduates."

Letters to the editors

Cashion: good luck but go away

To the editors: By taking the Cashion affair out of letters to the editor and putting it on the front page, the *DTH* seems to have taken up his cause as its own. If so, it has chosen a very shaky issue upon which to launch its new editorship.

Everyone agrees that Jerry Cashion is a very friendly, convivial person. And he does take a personal interest in his very impressive number of students. And he does have the backing of Dr. Lefler. None of this is in dispute, but it is questionable whether these qualities alone are enough to make him a good teacher.

Mr. Cashion has been a graduate student at UNC for at least 10 years; he does not have his Ph.D. Nor has he had any teaching experience outside of the University system. Both of these deficiencies have been enough, in the past, to prevent the University from retaining (or hiring in the first place) faculty members.

There is another, more pertinent reason why Mr. Cashion's contract should not be renewed. Neither his North Carolina History course nor his U.S. History survey courses are up to the academic level which should be expected and demanded by both faculty and students at an institution with UNC's standing. History 162 (a junior/senior course) is reminiscent of

raised on that tradition. We wish Mr. Cashion the best of luck in pursuing his career, but unless and until the orientation and content of his courses change, we hope he can pursue it elsewhere.

Name withheld by request.

DTH omitted panel coverage

To the editors: I hate to sound cynical, but I can't help wondering why the panel discussion on "The Women's Role in East Asian Society," held

Wednesday afternoon April 3, was not covered at all in *The Daily Tar Heel*. The unique perspectives offered by the panelists should have been at least as newsworthy as many of the other (mostly male) speakers. For one thing, most of the Symposium has featured Westerners talking about Asia. The panel included a Vietnamese woman, Le Anh Tu; is it too trite to observe that she might bring some insights of special value.

I work in the hospital and could not go to the discussion but looked forward to learning something about what was said by reading the *DTH*. I am both disappointed and angry that there was no story about the panel.

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Bus system clarified

When one attempts to comprehend the multitude of new parking regulations and the implications of the new transit system, the result is mind-boggling. For us as students, what is the easiest (in terms of convenience and cost) transportation alternative? Or in simplistic terms, as the *DTH* headlines say "Should I take the bus?" and "Where the hell will I park?"

This new parking/transit system operates under several basic assumptions of which we must all be aware. For one thing, there is a very limited amount of parking spaces available on campus.

In relation to that, people should be willing to pay a high price for the privilege for parking on campus. Next, it is assumed that the bus system, which goes into effect on Aug. 1, will be efficient in serving most of the areas in Chapel Hill. Finally, and perhaps, more important, everyone will have to be slightly inconvenienced—gone are the days when we could drive our cars right up to every door we want to enter—the plans attempt to distribute the inconvenience as equitably as possible to all members of the community.

This plan does not purport to be perfect. It's more of a wait-and-see plan. We have tried to anticipate many questions and problems, but you and I both know that they'll inevitably arise. They can be dealt

with only at that time.

Now, at last, my recommendations to you. In terms of money, you can't beat the price of a bus pass. For \$10 a semester you have unlimited access to most places you'll need to go. Everyone should be able to benefit from this—let me try to deal with each group of students separately.

If you live in a dorm, you may have difficulty purchasing a permit to park where you live (for two reasons—too expensive and, despite the expense, too much demand for too few spaces, primarily on North Campus). Two ways to get around the problem: you can park on the fringe lot (fenced, lighted and attended for security for a mere \$3 a year) and take the bus to your dorm or you can simply not bring your car to campus and ride the bus.

And, if you live off campus in Chapel Hill, chances are the bus goes near enough to your domicile that you need not go through the hassle of obtaining a parking permit. If you don't live near a bus route (and this includes commuters from outside Chapel Hill, too), why not park in the Airport Road fringe lot or the University Mall lot (which is free) and, of course, use the bus?

The gist of my argument—the fate of Chapel Hill's transportation dilemma lies, for all intents and purposes, with the new mass transit system. I urge you to take advantage of it.

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