

Letters to the editors

# Black student cites racial bias

To the editors:  
Although I acknowledge their efforts to conform to the authoritarian mode of administration at this University, I am concerned with the lack of concern that the Campus Police have again shown for black student life on this campus. No, they did not try to drag us off the bus this time. Instead, they tried to throw us out of Woollen Gymnasium.

Saturday afternoon, the Black Student Movement sponsored a recruitment-oriented program for a group of black junior high school students from Warrenton, N.C. After seminars with the students in the Carolina Union and a tour of the campus, we took the group over to Woollen Gym for a recreation hour.

The group's instructor, a graduate student in political science, was playing basketball with some of the male students. A campus policeman approached the instructor, who happens to be white, and asked him what were those "young'uns" doing in there. The instructor and the chairman of the BSM proceeded to explain to the officer that the activity of those "young'uns" was part of a University-sponsored program. This explanation was not good enough.

The officer then left and returned with four of his companions in justice. After securing appropriate identification from the black students sponsoring the program, the officer stated, "Alright, y'all can stay. But them young'uns got to go cause we ain't got no insurance on them." Convinced of the legitimacy of our program and the soundness of our argument, we continued our activities. The officers then began to use threatening statements and physical gestures to convince us that "y'all better leave here now."

They left again and returned with Dr. Carl Blythe, the director of the facility. We explained the situation to Dr. Blythe just as we had to the officers; however, Dr. Blythe, unlike the Campus Police, had the capacity to understand and allowed us to stay.

The officers' arguments that only students, faculty and staff are allowed to use the facilities was less than appropriate to justify their rudeness. Young white kids are too often seen wandering around and using the facilities. Perhaps these kids are insured by the University, or maybe the Campus Police are guilty of selective enforcement of the law.

Janice L. Mills

## Reader clarifies validity of faith

To the editors:  
We would like to compliment Mr. Johnson in his letter of April 19 for taking the initiative to reply to Sandra Millers' letter of April 4.

However, we feel that at least one point in his article needs clarification. He said, "Since when was Christianity based on facts... It is based on faith. Faith, not facts." But valid faith has an object, the thing believed in, and the validity of the faith depends on the validity of the object.

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We submit that the object of the Christian faith is, of course, Jesus. But what makes Him a valid object, or what is the central evidence for the Christian faith? What makes Jesus a valid object is none other than His resurrection from the dead. The apostle Paul illustrated the importance of the resurrection to Christianity when he said, "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless..."

Can the resurrection in fact be proved or disproved? Wolfhart Pannenberg, professor of systematic theology at the University of Munich, Germany, asserted, "Whether the resurrection of Jesus took place or not is an historical question... to be decided on the level of historical argument."

Therefore, the basis of the Christian faith is not philosophy, but is founded on the historical evidence relating to Jesus' resurrection. We do not have room here to submit the historical evidence for the resurrection. Rather, we can suggest books presenting the evidence for and against it. One is *Evidence That Demands A Verdict* by Josh McDowell, and another is *Christianity: The Witness of History* by J.N.D. Anderson.

Consider a man who is eminently qualified to speak on the subject of evidence, J.N.D. Anderson, dean of the faculty of law and director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies at the University of London. He said that the evidence for the resurrection "is such as to provide an adequate foundation for the venture of faith."

Therefore, we believe that since most people are not even aware that there are facts to be examined, then they have fallen into the snare described by Arnold Toynbee when he stated that "most people have not rejected Christianity, but a caricature of it."

John Snell  
Benjie Spears  
George Wood

## Christian belief more than cliché

To the editors:  
In response to Mr. Johnson's letter of April 19, I wish to point out the historical fact which is the cornerstone of Christian faith, i.e. the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul described the importance of Jesus' resurrection extensively in 1 Corinthians 15. "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain (1 Cor. 15:14)." To reject Christianity, one need only to disprove the resurrection. The ancient scholars will not help you.

Josephus, the first century A.D. Jewish historian, included the fact of Jesus' death and resurrection in his *Antiquities*. No record exists of Roman or of Jewish authorities producing Jesus' body in order to discredit Christianity.

More recently, Frank Morison, a lawyer, investigated the Biblical text in an effort to disprove the resurrection. His book, *Who Moved the Stone?*, tells of his conviction that the Biblical text gives overwhelming evidence in favor of Jesus' resurrection. Wilson Library has a copy if you wish to pursue the matter further.

The resurrection is emphasized because it shows Jesus' power over death. It is then reasonable to accept Jesus' promise of power over death (as in John 3:16) and of abundant life (as in John 10:10). The Christian faith is more than a well-worn cliché. It is true. To reject Christianity, one needs only to disprove the resurrection.

Carl Haynes  
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## 'No-fault' poses biker's dilemma

To the editors:  
Please pass the word to all Carolina motorcyclists:

The Senate is considering U.S. Bill S.354, "National Motor Vehicle No-Fault Act." If this bill is passed and becomes law, motorcycle insurance rates will be quadruple the rates you now are paying.

This will effectively remove us and our bikes from the road. Your right to ride is at stake, and your alternative to the automobile jeopardized. Let your senator know that you want him to vote NO on S.354 if motorcycle insurance rates cannot be maintained at a reasonable rate.

The bill is expected to be voted on Thursday... so write, now!  
The Honorable (full name)  
U.S. Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Gordon B. Herbert

## Support boycott of Servomation

To the editors:  
Everyone at sometime or another has tasted the delectable delights of the Union

Snack Bar. I would welcome Ronald McDonald and his arches wholeheartedly to the Carolina Union. Compare a Quarter Pounder to the exquisite Carolina Burger (with which the name Carolina is degraded)! If the University insists on renewing Servomation's contract for such fine cuisine, I propose a boycott of the Union Snack Bar beginning this summer or by next fall at least. **All a boycott needs is support!**

So remember that if the University says Yes to Servomation, **YOU can say NO!** and eat elsewhere if you aren't already doing so. Perhaps then the University will see the differences between Ronald McDonald and Servomation's favored delectable delights.

John F. Boone  
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## Laundry ladies receive praise

To the editors:  
I would like to compliment two very nice ladies that work for this University I have come to know this year—they are the two ladies who work in the Joyner basement for the UNC Laundry Service. They are always helpful and courteous to the students in the area who take advantage of the laundry service. I appreciate the kindness these two ladies have shown me during the school year.

R.V. Hight  
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## All about bricks, trowels, mortar

To the editors:  
You got to keep the mud on the mortar board shook up or it will start setting up on you. When you lay your mortar on the brick, take your trowel and dig a little trough down the middle of it, like this.

Lay your brick, and take the handle of your trowel and tap it down good and tight, get the top of it even with the line. This mortar you mash out on the front of the wall, take your trowel and cut it off and lay it on the back side of your brick to go between this one and the next one.

After you get three or four laid, put your four-foot level down on them and tap along the top of it till you get them level. And cut the mud off the front side of the wall again.

Charles Franicum  
Route 2, University Heights

The Daily Tar Heel

# Opinion

Murray Fogler

## The circus eloquent

Being inextricably involved in this whole parking situation, I have had numerous occasions to discuss with others their opinions of the new system.

One such discussion still sticks out in my mind—a young man on a research grant was advocating an allocation of parking stickers on the criteria of "productivity." In his opinion, undergraduates are mere diversions of the University; the real value lies ostensibly with those individuals (faculty and graduate students) who conduct research or perform service to the people of the state and the greater academic environs.

All this leads in a roundabout way to the topic of this column—the productivity of the Faculty Council. As I sat in last Friday's Faculty Council meeting, I could not help but remember that torrid conversation with the young man about the "important" business of this fine University. The esteemed members of our faculty spend over an hour debating changes in the rules of their legislative body, changes that attempted to make their workings a bit more democratic. They finally voted most of them down, but that is not the point.

The point is that there was an issue of substantial worth in front of them—that of academic reform, specifically the four course load system—and they wasted all their time on their petty rules. Anyone who observes Faculty Council and action must be impressed with the impassioned rhetoric of our eloquent professors; the body, however, is not supposed to be a forum in which ideas are abundantly expressed, but a decision-making council with emphasis on setting

academic policies. I am reminded of the wildly exaggerated tales of the now defunct Student Legislature. The depiction of its proceedings as somewhat circus-like is amazingly applicable to Faculty Council. Both of these groups are (were) grossly over-sized, which tends to limit productivity to a minimum. At actually makes me proud of the Campus Governing Council!

Unfortunately, we students are not in a position to make recommendations that would increase the efficiency of the Faculty Council. But we are in a position to advocate change in our present academic system. Faculty Council will attempt to finish the agenda of last Friday's meeting this Friday, April 26. I realize this is the day after classes end (the faculty realizes this, too, I'm afraid), but I urge all students who are interested in the four-course-load system to be present at 4 p.m. in Murphey Hall auditorium. The fate of this five-year old proposal is in grave danger, and we need a strong show of student support to help it survive.

On a more positive note, students do have the opportunity to interact with faculty members in a more productive atmosphere. There are many advisory committees, concerned with important aspects of campus affairs (financial aid, status of minority and disadvantaged, Student Stores and others) that need student members.

Interviews are now being conducted for these positions. If you are interested, you can sign up for an interview on the schedule sheet posted in Suite C of the Union. The experience of working closely with faculty can be invaluable.

## REFRIGERATOR RETURNS

April 25 2:00-6:00  
April 26 12:00-4:00

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