

Thanks to supporters; caution to recallers

The editors of the *Daily Tar Heel* appreciate the support which we have received from students, from the administration, from local merchants and from fellow journalists across the state. It is our desire, however, to guarantee the continued daily publication of the newspaper; we have no desire to dictate the relationship between the University community and the UNC Student Government. Our object is the provision of the best newspaper we can publish, dedicated to the betterment of the entire University, of the town of Chapel Hill and of the larger political and geographic jurisdiction in which we live.

Before proceeding, we face an immediate obligation to ourselves and to our readers. Some have alleged that we have intentionally stopped publication in order to force the hand of Student Government officials controlling the release of Student Government appropriations to the *Tar Heel*. There is nothing further from the truth.

On Friday at 1 p.m., there was approximately \$500 in our account against which we could requisition for Saturday's football issue. That issue would lose money for the *Tar Heel*, as would a Monday edition because our ad staff (and two members of our editorial staff) had devoted their time to bringing in collections, not in selling new advertisements. There were not enough ads to support even a four-page issue. And we had to conserve what revenue we could count on to insure publication today because of an important new ad account advertising for the first time today.

Nor was revenue in our account at the right time to permit publication of these issues. At 4:50, four hours after the decision not to publish was (and had to be) made, two editorial staff members brought in approximately \$2,200 in collected ad money which then brought our total money in our account to \$2,700. But that money was too late; we had to cancel the two issues before we were assured of receiving that money.

As we go to press, the future is still quite unsettled. There is enough money to publish through this week. We are not certain about the next week; that depends on ad sales and collections.

In this time of concern and frustration (especially for our sports staff, who had to see their copy go to waste and their special sports edition go down the drain), the support of the N.C. State *Technician*, its editor Kevin Fisher and our printer Bill Hinton of Hinton Enterprises of Mebane has been most encouraging. The editorial support of Orville Campbell, publisher of the *Chapel Hill Newspaper*, has been a pleasant and gratifying surprise. The interest of media across North Carolina has shown us that there are many who consider "the oldest daily in the Southeast" an important part of the University and the state.

Merchants have been equally supporting. Pete Galifianakis, of Hectors' and Zeus and Sons fame, has let our staff members console themselves once a day with a free meal at his establishments. Richard Levin of Poor Richard's and Richard's has vowed to use the court system to guarantee a daily publication which the University can read and in which he can advertise. And many, many other merchants have cooperated in payment of bills owed to the *Daily Tar Heel* so

that publication be interrupted as little as possible.

Faculty and administration figures have voiced to us their concern for the continued publication of this paper. Students have been so moved that a recall petition seeking a revote on the presidency of Bill Bates has been initiated.

To these individuals the *Daily Tar Heel* owes its thanks. Even those who disagree with our editorials and reviews seem to want the privilege of continuing to do so.

But support for a campus publication should not override rational evaluation of Student Government or disregard responsible investigation into other needs of students. Both the staff of the *Daily Tar Heel* and the staff of the executive branch have been sucked away from their normal duties to attend to the crisis surrounding the cash position of this newspaper.

Those who support a recall of Bill Bates in order to remove Mike O'Neal from the office of Student Body treasurer are probably acting out of feelings of indignation or resentment about particular acts by O'Neal or by the Bates administration. If nothing else, this sudden appearance of a recall drive should communicate to President Bates that somewhere his program or his personnel have gotten out of line with the sympathies and expectations of a significant portion of his student constituency.

This demands that Bates either reevaluate his communications with students or exercise closer watch on the actions of his subordinates.

But a recall could very well destroy some positive and necessary programs that Bates and the executive branch have undertaken. Much work has been put into the push for state and University recognition of a student attorney to counsel student organizations and individual students. Bates has worked hard to solidify student control over student fees which are initially controlled by the trust office of the University administration. He is moving to establish a consortium in which students, faculty, alumni and administrators can work together or confront one another over particular issues as they arise. As a prelude to this consortium, Bates has proposed a conference between these groups so that a firm groundwork can be laid.

The *Daily Tar Heel* has not supported the Bates administration on a number of issues, including the current financial crisis. But to disrupt the executive branch by a recall election is to impair the ability of student leaders to sit down with administration officials and work out reasonable solutions to the academic, housing, parking and "student power" issues confronting the students of this University.

If Bates or his subordinates fail to serve the interests of the students or impede the functioning of student groups without cause or in an ill-advised fashion, perhaps radical responses will be required. But it is clear that such action now will only set back efforts to improve the lot of students. If particular subordinates are thought intolerable by most students, then action against those subordinates should be pursued.

There are, however, pressing problems that the *Daily Tar Heel*, Student Government and the student body need to address together. War among ourselves can only retard our progress.

John Hopkins

A giant step for person-kind

I consider myself a fair individual. I feel that I have always been pretty objective in judging people around me. Never have I consciously put down anyone for being what they are.

This attitude also applies to my view of the female role in society. Non-discriminatory hiring, equal pay for equal work, shared household chores; it all sounds good to me. I'm not one of those males who thinks the woman does her best work in the kitchen and the bedroom.

Really, I listened just as hard when Nancy Dickerson was reporting the news as I did when David Brinkley was on. And I think that Connie Chung is

one of the better reporters around today.

Also, I've had several jobs where my boss was a woman, including my present one on the *DTH* sports staff. Taking orders and suggestions from women in authority has never caused me any problems.

Even when I was much younger, I had the same attitude. I once took a bad fall while I was of kindergarten age and was greeted by a female doctor at the emergency room. Though a little embarrassed at the extent of the examination, I submitted without raising a stink and never thought to question her medical credentials.

If you get the feeling I'm defending myself, you're right. An incident that occurred during a *Tar Heel* assignment this summer showed what some would construe as sexual bias in my reporting.

Though usually a sportswriter, I was pressed into service to cover the last meeting of the Summer Campus Governing Council. In the article I wrote "Bill Strickland, chairman of the finance committee . . ."

When I handed the article to the news editor, the first thing she did was to amend "chairman" to "chairperson."

My first reaction was one of remorse. How could I, such a fair person, commit such a grievous sexual slur?

However, it didn't take long to collect my thoughts and see that I wasn't such a bad sort after all. In fact, I was the good guy. I'd been manhandled . . . er, personhandled.

With controlled outrage I stated, "Although presumably Bill Strickland is not, the word *chairman* is neuter."

The answer? You guessed it.

"Well, it's policy."
Oh, well, I wasn't born yesterday, you know. I realize that battling policy is something akin to urinating against the tide. But being a stickler for consistency, I'm launching a campaign against the English language. Within the next few weeks I plan to have eliminated from the pages of the *DTH* every instance of that dastardly usage. Hopefully you will be reading stories like:

CHAPEL HILL — In a press conference at the Municipal Building, Alderperson Gerry Cohen declared himself a candidate for mayor.

CAPE KENNEDY — NASA officials today predicted that by 1990 a *personned* space craft will be launched for a trip to Mars. Astronauts Betty Blast and Spike Spacely will *person* the controls. The spacecraft will bear the inscription, "One small step for a *person*, one giant leap for *personkind*."

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — The body of a young boy, which washed to shore Thursday, was today officially declared the victim of a *person-eating* shark.

CHAPEL HILL — The UNC Dean of Persons today announced that the University's student body is now equal in numbers of men and *wopersons*. "Person alive!" exclaimed one excited male student, "The *fepeople* have taken over!"

It is my hope that the readership of the *Daily Tar Heel* will be patient until this policy can be implemented. It may take a while. After all, the staff of the paper is only human . . . er, *huperson*.

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letters

Strickland explains committee actions

To the editor:

As Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Campus Governing Council, I feel that it is my duty to inform the Student Body of the activity which has occurred in committee and has not fully been reported in relation to all the events. In accordance with the Treasurer's decision not to release all the funds at the first, the committee felt that in light of the financial responsibility borne by Student Government for the *Daily Tar Heel*, it would be an unwise move and voted unanimously to recommend that only half of the fall semester's appropriation should be released. In considering the matter, the committee saw that last year was the only year in the existence of the *DTH* that all the funds were released in a lump sum, and not only were those funds consumed as capital from which to requisition, but also by the first of the year, the *DTH* had to begin dipping into their cash surplus which they had spent several years building up. Even then, by April, the *DTH* came to CGC and asked for a \$10,000 loan in the form of a reserve to use in the case of necessity on a 30 day basis. The *DTH* made full utilization of the loan, and still owe Student Government \$2500, by far overdue of that 30 day period. With evidence like this, the committee and myself felt that it would be disastrous to release the funds in one amount, as the *DTH* would then have no CASH reserve in ANY form with which to operate. To look at the matter a little more closely in regards to the accounts receivable and the requisition system whereby one needs cash in advance in order to spend, Student Government is financially responsible for the organizations which it funds, and this is the safeguard which is utilized to protect that interest, and as long as the *DTH* is receiving funds from Student Government, it must necessarily follow the system for its own and also Student Government's protection.

I also read in Monday's *Technician* that the editor stated that "what has happened to the *DTH* could happen to a newspaper at any university where Student Government has financial control of any sort over the paper . . . This is a clear example of why such an idea should be scrapped before it becomes even lightly discussed." He adds in his editorial that at N.C. State, "publications operate under the jurisdiction of a student board known as the Publications Authority, which is

totally removed from Student Government intervention." I totally support the ideas which he expressed, but let me point out that whereas in the Constitution here at UNC it is Student Government's duty to apportion funds and therefore the group is the government's responsibility, at N.C. State, a percentage of the fees goes DIRECTLY to the Publications Authority. Each must operate under its given system, so to conclude only let me say that one must stop to consider the responsibilities as well as the benefits which are derived in the money.

Bill Strickland
Chairman
Finance Committee of CGC

Personkind

To the editor:

I must concede my agreement with Mr. Marske's battle for the English language (the notorious *freshman/freshwoman* controversy). *Overconsciousness* of possible sexism has led to the promulgation of many unwieldy — and unnecessary — terms.

However, Mr. Marske errs, albeit on the side of the angels. A first-year female student may not be a "freshwoman," but no more is she a "freshman girl." She is simply a "freshman." The class designation is sufficient — that is, unless first-year male students wish to be called "freshmen boys?"

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In defense of David Manning

To the editor:

As the old saying goes: Opinions are like assholes — everybody's got one. Well, Jim Grimsley's review of the *Loon Press Whipoorwill Series (DTH, Section D 8/25/75)* makes me want to twist that one around a bit, but I won't. His somewhat snooty tone and especially his nasty demeaning of David Manning's book makes me want to call his review one of the worst in the English language, but I won't do that either. I'll just say it seems one of the most thoughtless. I suppose artists, writers and publishers have to pay their dues . . . just do us all a favor next time and send somebody else around to collect them.

David Searls
Oxbow Community
Chapel Hill

Manning and money — Pronto!

To the editor:

I have read of your financial plight in both

your paper and the "Herald." WDBS is also in a tight cash flow situation right now but we can spare ten dollars in advance payment for our advertising this year. I know it is not much but consider it symbolic of our support of your fine publication.

We love ya even though you panned Dave Manning's book.

Best of luck in the year ahead. I hope student government gets off their tails and helps you. The issues I have seen this year are great and to halt publication at this point would hurt the momentum you have. If it will help any, tell your student government officials that WDBS says: "GIVE THE TAR HEEL ITS MONEY — PRONTO!"

Bob Conroy
President, WDBS inc.
(for our entire staff and management)

Dual education systems

To the editor:

With regard to the editorials of September 4, I am comforted by the high intellectual caliber of those who would continue dual education systems in the state.

For those who put forth much effort to insure the maintenance of "what is," the rationale given in *Perspective* (specifically, by "a recipient of Sigma Delta Chi's Mark of Excellence Award for editorial writing") should be especially gratifying.

Let us continue to overlook the reasons why NCSU became a more "acceptable" site for the vet school.

Mike Clark
210 Morrison

Applause

To the editor:

A great big round of applause for the

volunteer upperclasspersons who helped unload cars when the frosh arrived on campus. It really gave a first-rate friendly impression on the crowded university scene, especially in that ninety-plus degree heat!

Sign me as —

An Appreciative Parent
John N. Miller, Sr.
Greenville, N.C.

Stultifying war

To the editor:

War Over:

Administrators executed: Three unnamed University officials were guillotined yesterday at the height of victory celebrations by Student Government over the University Administration.

In a press conference following the executions an unnamed source declared that not only were demonstrations possible weapons against a stultifying bureaucracy but the use of automatic rifles, napalm and nuclear weapons could be taken as "between the lines of Friday's conference."

"For too long student life has been disrupted by perpetual meddling from bureaucratic dogs preventing personal fulfillment and/or chaos on this campus. Today, like lemmings, the Student Government gives birth to the lifeless — the concept of empty rhetoric."

When questioned further about Student Government's solution to Student Body problems, the source replied, "Television." He then belched and fell asleep.

Other festival activities for the day included FM station tuning, goldfish shooting and a spontaneous yawning contest.

Scott Pusey

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