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Carrboro buses—at last

At last. A Carrboro bus system. For years, students and administrators have sought a bus system which could fully suit the needs of the University community. With parking places few and far between, with parking fees expected to rise, and with traffic reaching nearly uncontrollable heights and guzzling increasing amounts of gasoline, a Carrboro extension has evolved from a desired convenience to a necessity.

Monday night, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen agreed to appropriate funds with the University for a bus route to serve the apartments near the 54 Bypass in Carrboro. With the service, which will begin next fall, students living in a apartments such as Old Well, Chateau, Berkshire, Greenbelt and the like can now commute by public transportation.

As a result, transportation officials predict, up to 500 fewer cars will travel to campus. And 500 fewer cars mean that parking fees on campus can remain stable. Moreover, the parking space shortage which the University now experiences will decline somewhat, allowing all those who need parking permits to be able to secure them.

After years of controversy surrounding the parking and bus issues, it seems that progress—significant progress—has been made. The long-range planning and hard work of former Student Body President Billy Richardson, Vice Chancellor for Business Claiborne Jones, the aldermen of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, present Student Body President Bill Moss and the Chapel Hill Transportation Board, to name just a few, has finally paid off.

But the progress could be merely temporary. The future of the Carrboro bus extension depends upon ridership. If the students in Carrboro who have sought a bus to the University do not use that bus, then those who have given will take away. Students wanted the bus. Now that they have it, they must use it.

Mugging school kids? Court leaves possibility

If it is constitutionally impermissible to cut off someone's ear for the commission of murder, it must be unconstitutional to cut off a child's ear for being late to class.

—U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron White

Apparently it isn't. In a 5-4 decision last Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the constitutional prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment does not protect public school students from beatings by teachers. Writing for the majority, Justice Lewis Powell noted that "corporal punishment serves important educational interests... in light of the disciplinary problems commonplace in the schools." The Powell decision was immediately termed "incredible" by a spokesperson for the National Parent Teacher Association. The PTA has opposed corporal punishment since 1975 on the grounds that there are "alternative methods that may be used in disciplinary matters that are more effective and have less damaging psychological and physical effects on children."

In an October 1975 case involving a North Carolina student, the Supreme Court had ruled that school officials could use "reasonable force" to discipline students. The case decided on Tuesday concerned whether or not constitutional limits existed on just how far school officials could go in punishing students. Powell and four other justices decided that no such limits exist.

Dissenting Justice White, however, disagreed sharply with "the extreme view of the majority that corporal punishment in public schools, no matter how barbaric, inhumane or severe, is never limited by the Eighth Amendment." According to White, "the record reveals beatings so severe that if they were inflicted on a hardened criminal for the commission of a serious crime, they might not pass constitutional muster."

At the present time almost all states have laws forbidding the excessive physical punishment of school children. Far more rare, however, are guidelines setting out exactly what constitutes "excessive" punishment. The Supreme Court could have established such guidelines Tuesday, retaining corporal punishment as a disciplinary tool but limiting the dangerous excesses which are now so common. Instead, school officials are free to be both brutal and arbitrary when taking out their frustrations on students.

Success of Carter energy program depends on individual support

To the editor:

The initial reception to President Carter's energy plan has been guarded, to say the least. However, there exists a larger-than-realized community of individuals who have known for some time the dimensions of the problem and who are enthusiastic about the basic direction posed. The energy situation now facing our country will be resolved only if positive action is initiated very soon. The only way we, as individuals, can have a positive impact on our future is to express our support and enthusiasm for the plan to our elected representatives. Special interest groups will lobby intensively to defeat or water down many of the proposals, but we do live in a democracy and our opinions do count. We need to express this opinion in the form of letters to our congressmen, to our state and local leaders and to the press.

We have before us the opportunity to turn crisis into a challenge and to demonstrate the innovative qualities for which we as a nation are famous. However, unless we express our support for Carter's basic program by directly informing our legislators, special interest groups may win out. If they do, we all lose.

Thom Gunter
Durham

To the editor:

We agree with President Carter's description of the energy problem and concur in his evaluation of the gravity of the situation. We believe that the remedies he proposes can be faulted only in that he may have asked too little rather than too much. But this program should be adopted immediately. The implementation of this policy can serve as an opportunity for all Americans to share in a sense of national purpose, and to rediscover the values of neighborhood, self-sufficiency and personal growth.

Prof. Joseph Straley, physics and astronomy
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Asst. Prof. Seth Reice, zoology and ecology
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Attack at Avery

To the editor:

I would like to relate an incident which occurred to me as I hurried past Avery Dorm Tuesday night about midnight. As I passed, I was bombarded with racial slurs and obscenities. Now if I had been as utterly stupid as the person shouting, I would have gladly sought him out and beat him senseless. But the coward shouted from one of the upper floors. Not only that but I was drenched with water, as some of the guys threw water from the upper windows.

I propose the following alternatives to the guilty parties: 1) Get the guts that it takes to come down to the ground and perpetuate your racially slanted and obscene deed—it's obvious you're a coward hiding from the real world, which has more color than white; and 2) If you insist upon remaining a coward, crawl back into your little hole and shut your dirty mouth.

Brooksie Harrington
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Harassment must end

To the editor:

I was amazed and outraged to read the threatening letter written to two BSM members from the "KKK of UNC." I was even more disturbed to learn that this was not the only letter, and that letters were not the only form of harassment used, it cannot be tolerated.

At an institution of higher learning, there must be the coexistence of differing philosophies and ideologies. But racism expressed through the threats of personal injury is in violation of the same principles of human rights upon which this institution is based.

The harassment of blacks by the "KKK of UNC" must end immediately.

Bill Moss, President of the Student Body
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More than a hippie commune

To the editor:

I was pretty surprised to pick up a *Tar Heel* Tuesday morning and find a long article about my home. I live at Aloe, the Walden Two community featured in Tuesday's article "Communes from Chapel Hill to Hillsborough." I expected to find a lot of misinformation, and, indeed, I did. I don't feel compelled to correct every error, however, for those of you who are interested in Aloe can do that yourselves.

I was most distressed to see the stereotype of country communes perpetuated—dilapidated buildings, chaotic house-keeping, lots of sex. Aloe is typical of

enmeshed in these inevitable conflicts it's easy to lose our direction.

What is Aloe's direction? For all of our shortcomings, Aloe has accomplished one major goal—our social and economic system is based on sharing and cooperation rather than on competition. We give each member an equal chance to share in the resources that Aloe has to offer, whether these are material resources (everybody gets the same allowance and there are incentive systems for working over quota that benefit everyone in the community), a chance to travel (the community industry involves selling our tinnery at craft fairs across the country and members may visit other communities through labor exchange programs), or

opportunities to take responsibility (anyone can become a manager of the basic work areas in the community). As Stephen Gaskin says in *This Season's People*: "What we expect is to be truthful; to be kind; to try to share; to try to love one another. Some folks don't recognize that as a discipline; they say, 'Oh, that old stuff...' And it may not sound difficult unless you've ever tried it."

I'd like to give *Tar Heel* readers a chance to know Aloe as something more than a "hippie commune." Pick up an issue of *Communities* at the Community Bookstore. Read Kat Kinkaid's book *A Walden Two Experiment*. Call me up or come out to visit yourselves.

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Reporting methods not unethical

To the editor:

The letter to the editor (April 21), written by members of Chantal and De Sales, was an-

unjust and false attack on my article "Communes from Chapel Hill to Hillsborough" (April 19)

Any inaccuracy in the article is the result of inaccuracies described to me over the telephone upon five occasions that I requested and verified information.

At the time of investigating the communes, I was not a *DTH* staff writer; I was writing a paper for a journalism class. In addition, I mentioned at least once the possibility of the article being published.

It is misleading to write that I "asked about the furnishings, books, and paintings of Chantal" alone. I asked about all aspects of the communes, and the members I talked to deemphasized the spiritual side.

I resent the terms "unethical" and "unprofessional" used in describing my methods. Unethical conduct implies a deliberate falseness in obtaining or presenting information. I have no reason to deliberately omit any important aspect of the communes.

Finally, it is a journalist's prerogative to obtain information by telephone rather than by a personal interview. This in no way demonstrates "unprofessional tactics."

Laurie Baker
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Don't stereotype Avery

To the editor:

I would like to respond to Phyllis Pickett's allegations towards Avery Dorm that she made in an article on April 21:

Do not despair Phyllis. Not all Avery residents are bigots. I for one am not and I do not know any other dorm resident that is.

Although I disapproved of the water-bombing incident, the water bombs were not aimed at black students but at any student that walked by.

Secondly, the name-calling was made by only one resident of the dorm who was later reprimanded by other residents. Also, from

Keep booze in the bag and in the home?

By JOEY MCQUAY

Parents of the world beware: Anita Bryant was right. Our children must be protected from the deviant elements in our society. Now those pesky liquor-by-the-drink forces are making noises in the General Assembly again.

This would not be their first such attempt by any means. Wet forces have been trying to force a mixed drink down the state's throat since the repeal of Prohibition.

However, our foresighted legislators and well-informed citizenry have succeeded in keeping this alien group out. The N.C. General Assembly has never been one to make rash decisions. Their deliberate speed has made this state what it is today. Of course they did ratify the 19th Amendment in 1972, but this was only because of harassment by a handful of radical "braburners."

The wet forces finally pushed through liquor sales for the state, but the spirits could be consumed only in the home. Then in the late 1960s they got brown bagging legalized in certain restaurants. But now they are trying to ramrod liquor-by-the-drink through the state legislature.

Don't they know that it is so much easier to pour a drink from your own bottle, covered by that discreet brown paper bag, than it is to have a professional bartender make you one? The savings in swizzle sticks alone would be tremendous. If God had intended man to consume liquor-by-the-drink, he never would have made those otherwise ridiculously useless brown bags.

Also, if liquor-by-the-drink passes, what is to keep it from being sold only in certain restaurants? Bars could spring up on every street corner. Imagine the steps to the First Baptist Church being right beside the delivery door for Seagram's distillery.

Wet forces have argued that alcohol consumption might actually decrease with liquor-by-the-drink. They argue that a person drinking cocktails may only have two or three, but that a person with a bottle will probably finish it before leaving. For evidence they cite some studies made in states before and after the introduction of liquor-by-the-drink. Under this new plan, with fewer people getting drunk away from home, there would be fewer drunk drivers and possibly fewer traffic deaths.

This is a common ploy by the wet forces. They twist a few facts and support their notions with some distant unread study.

The late Wisconsin Sen. Joseph McCarthy often said not to trust anything of anyone which was different from him. Therefore, why should we believe some farfetched Oregon report that claims liquor-by-the-drink actually lowers consumption? These people could be Communist infiltrators trying to destroy the moral fibers of this country.

David McKay, a former Mormon Church president, once called on "all citizens interested in safeguarding youth to oppose further liberalization of liquor laws." Indeed, liquor-by-the-drink should be kept out of North Carolina. The children must be protected from seeing its open display on ever street corner and keep their contact with liquor where it belongs: in the home. After all, why should we lose our status as the only state east of the Mississippi River without liquor-by-the-drink?

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letters to the editor

communities in their early stages of development. There is very little money, more work that any of us can possibly do, and a lot of ideals that often seem totally unrelated to doing the dishes, keeping the cars running and making it home from work in time to milk the cows. Those of you are familiar with *Communities* magazine will recognize in Aloe the reason for the lead article of the current issue: "Why You Shouldn't Start a Commune in 1977" by Kat Kinkaid. Kat should know. She started two herself, Twin Oaks in Virginia and East Wind in Missouri. Both of them are well past Aloe's current precarious state of development.

I don't want to malign the author of the article for bad reporting, since I know from experience that it's impossible to get a feel for a totally different lifestyle in one hour on a Sunday afternoon. What I would like to do is add a little perspective to the picture. What the casual visitor doesn't see is our vision of the community in five years, and our position in a larger network of communities across the country. You see a snapshot of us in *Time*, with a handful of our current "problems." Every community, every dorm, every family has its Fred Fabishaks, its unplanned pregnancies and while we are

what I observed, there was no rock-throwing by Avery residents.

Finally, I would like to tell Amy McRary that there are two sides to every story and that to be a good reporter you should check with all parties concerned.

Rick Johnson
205 Avery

Homosexuality 'curable'?

To the editor:

It is my opinion that homosexuality is at best a curable disease. It is, I feel, like so many other affective disorders, treatable only when the individual realizes the condition is not a favorable one. I fear that homosexuality will become in society today what polio was 50 years ago. A fear is not without a cause.

Michael A. Lupton
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Educator of Everclear

To the editor:

So, is sexist advertising necessary? Rather, is it a problem? Do women get itchy seeing a beautiful, if overly busy, model selling beer? Wouldn't you like to have your picture in the paper? Want to see some men? Well, if a liquor company wants to advertise its wares showing me with an eye-catching bulge in my pants, call my agent. (Coach of Tequila? Educator of Everclear? Maybe Teacher of Scotch?) They could call me "Sigfried Dekanterdumper." Any women who get turned on can find me through the student locator service.

Alexander MacInnis
Dept. of Music

P.S. Sorry, I don't have any horn-rimmed glasses.