

Redhead power—history influenced by infamous carrot-tops?

To the editor:
I regularly enjoy taking a *Daily Tar Heel* in the opening moments of the day's first class. Six to eight pages of black and white afford the mind a tolerable transit from the ease of the Chapel Hill atmosphere to the rigor of academic pursuit which follows as surely as the sun has risen. Last Thursday, however, the usual pleasant repast had left my soul quite unnerved. Pam Dorris' feature portraying the plight of the fair of hair aggravated the least delicate of my sensibilities. Though Miss Dorris might find herself intimately involved in the topic, she seems to lack even a layman's knowledge of the "red experience".

Redheads have been among history's most famous and infamous figures. Eric the Red is one that many could easily identify, but the color of even greater redheads has been obscured by history. Alexander the Great carried a fine tuft to the four corners of the world. Moses showed his true color while leading the Jews from Egypt (to this day few are aware of the origins of the Red Sea's name). Galileo, discoverer of Mars, characterized the planet in the image of himself, the red planet. Maybe you don't know the secret of the Great Pyramid? I do: the pharaoh was a redhead. Yes, redheads have left their mark through history. Hitler and Mussolini were two redheads who had had enough of that "carrot-top business" and decided to do something about it. Some of the older redheads around will remember the scourge of the fair, Joseph McCarthy, who insighted the terror-ridden Red Scare. Miss Dorris is unaware of the way that redheads have shaped the course of history from the beginning of time. The character of world conflicts finds its origins with one of the world's first redheads. Responding to an irred'erent comment, a redheaded caveman belted one of his compatriots over the head with a club, thereby founding armed warfare. Though you might be unaware, the Romans, on their day of reckoning, learned of the potential ire below a tuft of red hair. Surely the Roman senators were unaware of the consequences when they teased Attila suggesting that he stay out in the sun till all his freckles grow together. There is no telling where we would be today if the Philadelphia Constitutional Convention hadn't been

Campus mail misused

To the editor:
Wednesday, through the campus mail, I received a "chain letter," instructing me to send 20 copies of the letter to people who "need good luck," and promising that I will, in four days, receive good luck. The letter implied that grave misfortune would befall me if I did not comply with instructions.

Aside from the fact that "chain letters" are illegal, I consider this a gross misuse of the campus mail system. It is extremely difficult to believe that the campus mail system was designed and implemented by the University administration for the purpose of perpetuating such superstitious absurdity, or for the purpose of distributing such rubbish to students.

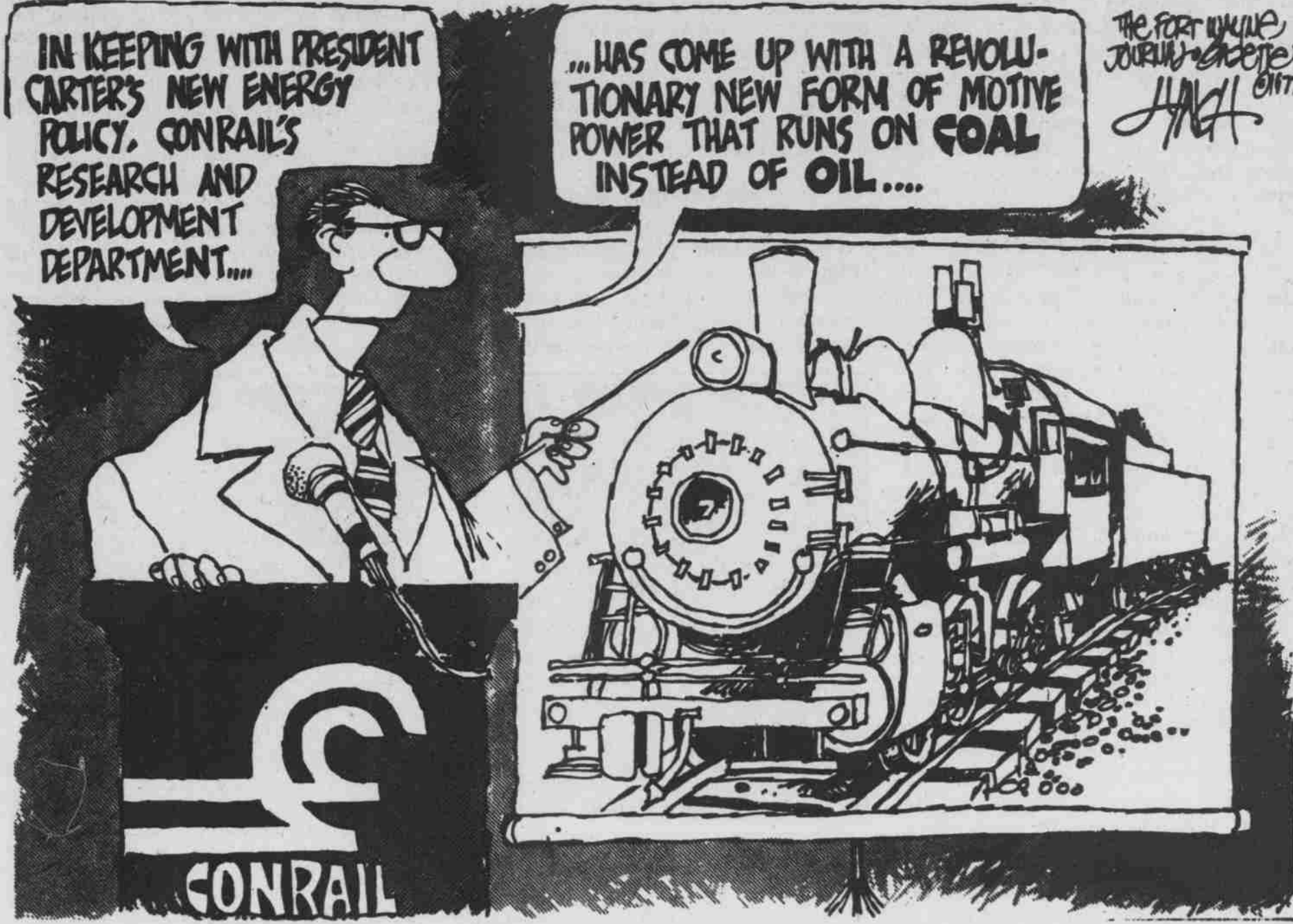
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Avery Incident

To the editor:
In response to Rick Johnson's letter ("Don't Stereotype Avery" which appeared in last Friday's *DTH*, I must express my deepest respect for any person who has the courage and fortitude to not only write such an absurd letter but to have it printed for 20,000 other persons to peruse.

Mr. Johnson claims that "not all Avery residents are bigots" and that he knows no other dorm resident who is. Then he goes on to admit that racist obscenities were shouted at black students who passed the building. He furthermore contends that the name-calling was done by only one Avery resident. Well, unless this resident has mastered the art of producing a chorus of racial epithets through technical means or ventriloquism, we KNOW that he was not alone.

Thirdly, he informs us that "the water bombs were not aimed at black students but any students that walked by." Well, it just comforts us immeasurably, Mr. Johnson, that we were not the only targets of your fellow residents' despicably childish antics. I seriously doubt, however, that the other



misinformed, bigoted or perverse legislation. Also, the Supreme Court has not ruled recently on any legislation concerning homosexuals, although it has been asked to rule on several cases. The Supreme Court has therefore not yet taken a recent stand on this issue.

If Mr. Morrell or any other student wishes to find out why the CGA is a legal, recognized organization on this campus, I urge them to check with Dean Boulton, Student Body President Bill Moss or their Campus Governing Council representative. They might also check on the opinions expressed in decisions by U.S. courts on *Gay Students Organization of the University of New Hampshire v. Bonner*, 367 Fed. Supp. 1088 (1974) and 509 Fed. 2nd 162 (1974), or *Gay Alliance of Students v. Matthews*, 544 Fed. 2nd 162 (1976).

Both decisions relied heavily on the Supreme Court ruling on *Healy v. James*, 408 U.S. 169 (1972). The Gay Alliance of Students case was heard by the Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (which includes North Carolina). Part of the opinion in the first of these cases reads as follows: "speculation that individuals might at some time engage in illegal activity is insufficient to justify regulation by the state."

Emily Seelbinder
Chapel Hill

Backward notions?

To the editor:
Michael Lupton states in his April 22 letter that "homosexuality is at best a curable disease." Well, it is my opinion that ignorance is at best a curable disease, and at worst a destructive and menacing force. Who is he to say that "the condition is not a favorable one?" No doubt it is every bit as "favorable" to a homosexual as is heterosexuality to a heterosexual. While his fear is that homosexuality will spread (does he fear it is contagious?), my fear is that the hostile and backward notions expressed by people like him will continue to take their toll on the psychological well-being of otherwise "healthy" individuals.

Marcie N. Greenberg
Carrboro

No value judgments

To the editor:
It is my opinion that homophobia can be curable if people like M. Lupton open their eyes to the fact that there is no reason to fear homosexuality. I am gay, and I am happy with it, because of it and regardless of it. My homosexuality and my homoemotionality are favorable conditions for me. I am not "curable" because I am not diseased nor possessed of an "affective disorder." For me, heterosexuality is neither natural nor

favorable, but, unlike Lupton, I can recognize choices that I cannot make for myself as viable for others, and I do not try to pass value judgments on others' lifestyles.

R. Goldstein
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Evil brew

To the editor:
The plight of the American coffee drinker is an obscene joke. One hears about the hunt for substitutes, the organization of boycotts, and even proposals of economic retribution against those conspiring coffee patches around the world. Let us all think in wider circles! Coffee growing republics are in the same sinking boat as all raw material economies (crude oil being an exception). They are enslaved to the destructive forces of the world market. In raising their prices of agricultural and mineral exports, these countries are trying to defray the net transfer of real resources to the developed sector of the world. In most cases, the colonial implementation of these coffee economies has been to the expense of population control, education, caloric intake and industrialization. Yes, the cup of Java is an evil brew. We are all paying the bitter price for it, except the growers are paying for it with their lives, while we are paying with inconvenience.

Anne Rosa
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What's the best taste treat?

To the editor:
It was obvious in her letter (April 25), that Ms. Anne Beckwith has allowed her enormous ego to cause her to seriously believe that she is the object of sexist advertising. Ms. Beckwith is under the foolish delusion that she and other women are the world's best taste treats supposedly as intimated by Blimpie's T-shirts reading "the second best taste treat in the world." I, of course, hate to be the one to inform her, but numerous human beings of Ms. Beckwith's own sex have testified that we men are the world's best taste treat. As a proud, tasty male, I don't mind Blimpie's "sexist advertising" in this regard.

Steve Sartorio
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To the editor:

In response to Anne Beckwith's letter concerning sexist advertising on Blimpie's T-shirts: What makes you think the shirts refer to women? Obviously, it didn't occur to you that from a woman's point of view the number one "taste treat in the world" might not be another woman.

John Bishop
Tom Goff
2207 Granville South

To the editor:

I fail to see the point of Ms. Beckwith's letter of April 25. Surely the best taste treat in the world could be none other than Mom's Apple Pie. I fail to see how this could insult anyone's intelligence. I wonder if Ms. Beckwith is somewhat paranoid or just slightly unpatriotic.

Hugh Goodman
308 Lewis

To the editor:

In response to Anne Beckwith's letter (April 25), I hate to knock you off your cloud Anne, but beer, not women, is the world's best taste treat.

Ralph D'Iorio
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letters to the editor

dominated by neurotic redheads hiding their red badge beneath a powdered wig.

Yes, these are only a few of the tragedies involving redheads. Redheads have repeatedly inflicted their wrath in answer to those not so endowed. The future would be best served if the color red no longer denied one entrance into country clubs. Separate but equal for redheads is inherently unequal. The world must be made aware that red is beautiful. Blacks and gays think that they have it bad, but redheads have the problems (if you are a black gay with red hair forget it, the rest will only be depressing). It is up to redheads to follow the lead of blacks and women in seeking social equality for the good of society and themselves. Carolina Carrot-tops is the vehicle by which redheads can achieve this goal. Redheads should join in chorus demanding that the CGC grant our group funds to relieve bigotry on our campus. Carrot-tops could have an office in the Upendo and demand equal print in the *Tar Heel* for redhead sports. We would all have scholarships and nobody would make cute jokes about our shoes and toilet habits. Every spring there will be a Southeastern Redhead Conference and we will take over the Union for a weekend. Redheads, I have been to the top of the mountain and I have seen the Promised Land. Redheads of the world unite!

Emmett F. Ryan
Redhead
Beverly Landstreet
Red Sympathizer

targets were called "black son-of-a-bitches" and "niggers".

Fourthly, Mr. Johnson may have observed no rocks being thrown, but rest assured that we know what a rock looks and feels like.

Finally, Mr. Johnson, you have the unmitigated nerve to chastise Amy McRary for not presenting "both sides" of the story. How can you get the other side of the story when the sick, immature cowards who like to bombard groups composed mostly of women ran and hid after their act and refused to let their identities be known?

We challenge them to reveal themselves, then they'll be more able to present their side.

Allen Johnson
Former Editor, *Black Ink*

CGA is legal

To the editor:
In his letter (April 21), Bob Morrell claimed that the existence of the Carolina Gay Association is illegal. He cited the illegality of "sex crimes against nature" (N.C. Statute 14-177, broad and ill-defined statute that it is) and "a recent Supreme Court ruling" as a basis for his claim.

For the information of Mr. Morrell and other misinformed students, while same-sex sexual acts may still be considered illegal, being homosexual is not illegal in North Carolina, nor is working to change outdated,

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