

# WXYC controversy — column by station members draws heated response

To the editor:

The only part of the column yesterday by the two misguided WXYC staffers I agree with is the headline ("Ambitious people" destroying WXYC." Nov. 21). I do not, though, want to deal with ascertaining a sophomore East Asian studies major's ability to run a radio station. I would like to call attention to those accusations leveled against me. If Derek or Mike had been at the meeting, they would have heard the answers to Don's (former station manager) accusations. To the charge of not filing the board's non-profit status with the IRS, Student Educational Broadcasting (SEB) is already non-profit. Recognition of tax-exempt status will be forthcoming after a report by SAFO is received by me. The logs and documents referred to in the second point are public documents. Anyone has the right of access to those documents, certainly a member of the board responsible for seeing that they are correct. Another point contends that I have threatened WXYC's credibility with news and sports. If Derek and Mike will remember, I started the news and sports departments at WXYC (not the DJs) while I was program director, and have continued to advocate them in the face of Derek, Mike, other DJs and management desires to see news cut entirely. Students at this University are obligated to know what is going on in the outside world. This station has the potential to fill the need.

If the station were running legally and efficiently, you wouldn't hear from the board. Nevertheless, I cannot keep my mouth shut when the main overriding point is being overlooked. WXYC is licensed to serve in the public's interest, convenience and necessity, not the fantasies of those individuals who cannot separate their wants from the needs of the station to run well. Signing a station off the air in protest is illegal, and those of you who were a part of this action could have your licenses revoked! A Friday DTH editorial charged SEB with getting the station back on the right track. No functioning station anywhere is set up in

the way Derek and Mike seem to envision it.

Since the article by Derek and Mike was signed only by those two and no one else, I don't know how much support they really have. I close by stating that if any of the persons involved with WXYC share their views and philosophies, they will find themselves faced with a very unpleasant surprise when they try to function in the real world of broadcasting.

Mike Hyman

To the editor:

Derek Frost and Mike Ridge's article of Nov. 21 asked for letters. Here's one.

The teaser line on the front page ("The folks who run WXYC...went on a tear last week.") leads me to think that Derek Frost and his supporters were running the student radio station WXYC, since he headed the protest by signing the station off the air without management consent. It just goes to show who may have had actual control prior to Donald L. Moore Jr.'s resignation — the staff and not the management. As interim station manager, I am faced with the illegality of Frost's move of signing WXYC off on Thursday morning. Having checked with the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C., I found that it is the responsibility of the management and the licensee (in this case Student Educational Broadcasting, Inc.) as to decide when to sign off — not some non-management staff member.

The article mentioned "...what happened..." was the removal of management...without the consent of the WXYC staff." Who picks whom? Doesn't the manager run the station and pick his staff, and not vice versa? Next sentence: "...Don Moore off SEB...(WXYC) is subject to the control of an unrepresentative body — the SEB." A look at the occupations and positions of several members of the Board of Directors will reveal they are not unrepresentative: a former chief engineer of WCAR (predecessor of WXYC) who planned the construction of WXYC and represents the community, two faculty members with long-term radio experience, one Chapel Hill alderman, the director of the Carolina Union... There are more, including the president of the Student Body. If Mr. Frost, the SEB in *indeed* unrepresentative, then shall you find more competent, and more

representative members for the board — as you are trying for the removal of several members already?

The University of Pennsylvania student radio station, WXPN, ran into trouble with the FCC for the lack of supervision, forfeited \$2,000 and later relinquished the station license "...because of...total failure on the part of the trustees to supervise the students who had been permitted to 'seize' the station and play with it as if it were a toy." And one judge on the commission stated if there

informed emotions. What has been occurring the past week is a normal expansion of learning pains by dedicated people who have made errors in judgment due to lack of experience in either station operations, management, or how to supervise personnel. The facts presented at the SEB meeting of Nov. 16 were 90 percent personality-oriented and 10 percent information. The board heard all cases, and in each case the subject was found to have made some minor errors — none of which justified dismissal but did require

people will not like others. The main thing is to operate professionally because in life we will also encounter people we do not like but have to work with. Only if the personality conflict renders operation ineffective should it be dealt with, and then on a rational level, guided by preset procedures and appeals. When such are publicly polarized at board meetings, it becomes difficult for the participants to back down and work together effectively.

The purpose of the board is to provide continuity in an ever-changing student population. It is responsible to the FCC for maintaining all legal, financial and programming policy. In a sense it serves the role of general manager but must also be custodial. If station operations are defined clearly, then student management should be free to work within legal and jurisdictional guidelines. I believe the board plans to provide more guidance so that the common goals and desires of WXYC personnel can be attained.

I present a challenge to all involved in the present dispute to work toward solving normal station problems, rather than becoming part of them. There is no doubt that good intentions exist in all parties; but you know what road is paved with good intentions. It is dangerous to permit emotions to override reason. I ask the WXYC staff and involved board members to try to separate wants from needs and to develop a station we all can be proud of. This may take work. Not all personnel seem aware of the FCC rules and regulations. A few seem more concerned with pride than production. The dedicated personnel at WXYC really care — let's add knowledge and objectivity.

Betty Shimer Creech  
Associate Professor RTVMP

To the editor:

I am concerned with the column printed on the editorial page of Monday's issue. The writers of this column referred many times to the actions taken by SEB at our recent meeting on Nov. 16. Derek Frost and Mike Ridge have stated incorrectly many of the decisions and upon checking the attendance at the meeting, I found that these two individuals were not present.

Among many of these errors is the implication that I was solely responsible for splitting the issue to consider Mike Hyman and David Madison separately in the motions for their removal. I did indeed vote in favor of this separation, as did other community leaders such as Alderman Gerry Cohen, Elizabeth Creech (RTVMP) and Michael Rice, and rightly so because Hyman and Madison are two individuals, and their actions should be considered as such.

This is just one of the many errors in the column and I hope in the future Frost and Ridge will

substantiate their claims before making boisterous statements that mislead the students who read this paper.

Sonya J. Lewis  
Member, SEB

To the editor:

This letter is in sober response to the emotional charges made in Monday's *Tar Heel* by Derek Frost and Michael Ridge concerning actions taken by SEB. SEB is the legally constituted governing board of WXYC radio. Unlike recent management, SEB can't ignore its responsibility to operate WXYC radio in the public (student) interest within the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. The actions taken by the board on Nov. 16 reflected deliberate, responsible and democratic action on the part of board members interested only in the long-term success of WXYC as a student-operated station.

The management personnel who resigned from WXYC did so voluntarily; SEB did not ask them to resign. SEB did ask them to carry out their legal and moral responsibilities to WXYC and to the students at Carolina. Apparently they preferred to resign. SEB is actively searching for a new general manager who can operate the station in a responsible fashion and any Carolina student (including WXYC staff) is welcome to apply.

Michael Rice  
Assistant professor of business administration

To the editor:

As a member of the WXYC news staff, I have been greatly perturbed at the articles appearing in the *DTH* about the present crisis of the station.

The column appearing in the Monday issue by Derek Frost and Michael Ridge (like all the previous ones) to me is very misleading. The columns lead the newspaper's readers to believe that every member of the staff is in on the controversy. This is not strictly true. The news staff has not been torn apart. Despite personalities being dragged into the dispute, the news staff is still a cohesive unit. Most of us are putting the good of the station first, regardless of how anyone feels personally. This is just common sense and good business. In order to do this, one must be unbiased and not think of one's self. I think I can safely say that this is the way that the news staff of working. We don't want to see the station torn apart by personal issues, so most of us are going ahead and doing our jobs under very trying conditions.

No matter who comes out ahead in the so-called power struggle now going on, news will continue to do its job to the best of its ability.

Pat McAniff  
WXYC news staff

## letters to the editor

There were times...when the station was operated in harmony with FCC, the university and its own rules and regulations, it was purely fortuitous. ("FCC judge doesn't want students using radio as a toy," *Broadcasting Magazine*, April 18, 1977).

Operating a radio station — any radio station — must be in the public interest, convenience and necessity. It was brought up in the meeting of Nov. 16, 1977, that Don Moore had extended little effort to program music tastes for the campus community, the people who pay for the station's operations, but rather played music for much of the staff as the format did not have provisions for much other than for the former music director's tastes.

Paul O. Matthews  
Interim station manager, WXYC

To the editor:

As a faculty member who has spent 20 years supervising student radio stations, and as a new member of the SEB under which WXYC functions, may I present my observations of the present series of misunderstandings. I know how hard it is to get a station license, and how difficult it is to keep one. I would like to see WXYC succeed as a service to the entire University community and also as a training ground for professional broadcasters.

Problems solving must be based on complete, verifiable facts, not well-intentioned but half-

correction. Obviously the WXYC staff has not yet set up a procedure by which to handle minor or major violations and has been advised to do so in order to maintain a smooth and professional operation. Personnel matters should not come to the board until they have gone through grievance procedures at the station level. It is not professional to fire people or to resign because of unintentional first-time errors.

I am taking no sides on the issues. I am writing to urge all involved to understand the valuable resource they are working with and to use it wisely so that they and the students can benefit. Mass accusations and resignations accomplish nothing.

A radio station is a public facility, licensed by the FCC, intended to serve its listeners, not the personal ideas of a few staff members. In all student stations there exists this conflict, to some degree. My hope is that this experience will enable the dedicated WXYC personnel to recognize that the station is not a club but an opportunity to serve and to learn. Some evidently need more knowledge of FCC rules and regulations and the purpose of the station. Broadcasting requires a lot of self-discipline, and a student station is an excellent vehicle to provide this. It is unfortunate that matters that could have been settled inside the station as a minor family argument has to appear as if it were a public brawl. Differences among a few people should not reflect the image of a total station. There will always be differences, and some

## "WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE?"

Psalms 2:1 and Acts 4:25

Requests for information about the writer have been received a number of times. A recent letter says: "Won't you please tell me who you are that writes the Column 'Why do the Heathen Rage?' I have been reading this Column for quite some time and look forward each Saturday and read the message to our nation, and to each individual as well. Truly it has been said one cannot talk long about 'self' without becoming vain. However, the above letter is greatly appreciated, very encouraging and gives us quite a 'lift'!"

The writer is a layman. Raised in a Christian home strict about "Singing the Song of Moses the Servant of The Lord," and "The Song of The Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." The burden of Moses Song is the Moral Law of God, the Ten Commandments that reveal the very character of The Almighty. The message of The Lamb of God is deliverance from the wrath of God to "WHOSOEVER WILL!"

The writer joined the Church when about twelve years of age. Though greatly blessed with his raising and environment, yet when he left school he faced the fact he was "out of gear" with real Christianity and the vows made on joining the Church. He did not want to nor did he intend to spend his life striving to fulfill them. "THEN GET OUT!" he said to himself Resign your Church membership, and do not deliberately live the life of an hypocrite! Considering what a serious step it would be to "junk the hope of eternal life offered in Protestant Christianity" he purposed before resigning to search The Scriptures himself — most he knew came second handed. Since that time, many years ago now, he has read The Bible from cover to cover several times each year. Mostly it has been consecutive reading, not stopping unless attention especially arrested. For quite a time his aim was to read 30 minutes a day, but later on aimed at making it

60 minutes out of the 1440 in every 24 hours, figuring this was not too much time for making preparations for a life that never ends — ETERNITY!

Not long after beginning this exercise in Searching The Scriptures he became definitely aware of the "personality of The Devil and Spiritual Wickedness in High Places!" And that these fearful enemies were fighting to keep him away from his Creator! Fighting him with questionings, doubts, unbelief, and even a resentful and rebellious spirit against The Almighty Himself! Through the mercy of God during this fearful period he never laid The Bible aside but kept reading it, and kept on continually performing his vows by Church attendance and striving to obey God's Ten Commandments — common honesty and integrity required this until he resigned and got out of The Church.

The Scriptures say: "IN DUE SEASON YOU WILL REAP, IF YOU FAINT NOT IN WELL DOING!" And he found it to be true, and in due time God's Word became "QUICK AND POWERFUL" in his own life, and made of him a man whose greatest desire and ambition was to know and do God's Will. As a result of his experience in Searching The Scriptures his main interest has been in "SOWING THE SEED OF THE WORD OF GOD" in his own heart, and that of others.

Some years ago God opened up the way to begin some Advertising of The Word of God. Thank God for all those who have written or spoken by word and said that the ads have been a blessing in their Christian experience. Brethren: Pray for me, and pray that "THE WORD OF GOD WILL HAVE FREE COURSE AND BE GLORIFIED!" It is our hope for time, and ETERNITY, as individuals, as a nation, and the whole world.

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5th WK!  
3:00  
5:00  
7:00  
9:00

GEORGE BURNS  
JOHN DENVER  
DONALD PLEASANCE  
"Oh, God!"  
is it funny?

COLOR  
PG

YOU HAVE SEEN GREAT ADVENTURES. YOU ARE ABOUT TO LIVE ONE!  
2

WDBS Classic Theatre  
(Ends Tuesday)  
Rita Hayworth, Glenn Ford  
in  
"Gilda"  
3  
...her finest performance!

RAM TRIPLE  
MON-FRI 11:30-12:30  
NON-PLA. ROSSMAY  
937-8284

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5:00  
7:00  
9:00

Carolina Twin  
EAST FRANKLIN STREET

2:40  
4:55  
7:10  
9:30

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GIANNINI  
LA GRANDE BOURGEOISE  
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PHONE 967-4737  
HELD OVER 3rd WEEK  
SHOWS  
2:30  
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8101 RD. AT E. FRANKLIN

Bobby Deerfield  
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PHONE 967-4737  
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Plaza 3  
8101 RD. AT E. FRANKLIN

POTTER COSBY  
ROBES  
A PIECE OF THE ACTION  
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PHONE 967-3651  
NOW SHOWING  
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4:00  
5:45  
7:30  
9:15

Varsity  
LESLIE TRAMANN GY

We know they are here.  
PG  
What do they want?  
STARSHIP INVASIONS

How to Create a Successful Comic Strip cordially invites you to the conclusion of "Where Great Students Fear to Tread" a major psychological by G. Douglas Cooper, Ph.D.

CAUTIOUSLY WE CONTINUED OUR STEALTHY DESCENT INTO THE BOWELS OF WILSON LIBRARY! DANGER DOGGED OUR EVERY STEP! LIBRARIANS, DETERMINED TO MAKE US PAY EXORBITANT BOOK FINES, LURKED BEHIND EACH PILLAR! BUT OUR EXPEDITION PRESSED ON! WE HAD TO FIND OUT: WHAT WAS AT THE BOTTOM OF WILSON LIBRARY?

YEAH, OR IS THERE A BOTTOM TO WILSON LIBRARY?

SAY, WE SURE HAVE GONE DOWN...

YEAH, REALLY...

HEY, I CAN SEE LIGHT COMING UP!

DOONESBURY

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DIDN'T SEE ANY POLAR BEARS, HUH?

THAT'S A GOOD IDEA... TRY THE OTHER DIRECTION...

COULDN'T FIND ANY POLAR BEARS, HUH?

WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO DO?

WALRUSES?

DOONESBURY  
by Garry Trudeau

OH, I'M JUST GOING THROUGH MY OLD LEAD SHEETS, SEE IF I CAN FIND SOMETHING TO PLAY TONIGHT ON "MIDNIGHT SPECIAL".

MY! YOU'RE ACTUALLY DOING T.V. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

WELL, I GUESS HAVING LITTLE FEEDBACK TO LOOK AFTER HAS MADE ME MORE AWARE OF MY CAREER.

QUITE A TURNABOUT, THOUGH, ISN'T IT? UP UNTIL RECENTLY IT WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION! I THOUGHT T.V. WAS THE MOST DEMEANING GIG IN SHOW BUSINESS!

YOU MEAN, THAT WAS YOUR ONLY REASON?

YUP, WELL, THAT PLUS A SMALL COMPLEXION PROBLEM.

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ACROSS  
1 German composer  
5 Lend — (give aid)  
10 Clearance event  
14 Jacob's brother  
15 Delight in  
16 Descended  
17 Equip  
18 Greenish

gray  
20 Color lighter than coffee  
22 Coin receiver  
23 Write: abbr.  
24 Foot wiper  
27 It's hot!  
28 Expert  
29 Act like a ham  
31 Farrow of

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32 Poor mark  
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34 Water-carved gullies  
37 Source of leather-treating extract  
38 Table cloth  
39 Tear  
40 Lopez or Blas

59 Baseball shoe item  
60 Harrow's rival  
61 Cafe card  
62 Hard seed coating  
63 This: Sp.

DOWN  
1 Cadges  
2 Continent  
3 Certain cheater  
4 Football group  
5 Ledger item  
6 Half: Ger.  
7 Cupidity  
8 Absolutely nobody  
9 Actress Ellen and family  
10 Gal of song  
11 Muhammad  
12 Ullmann  
13 Summer: Fr.  
19 — a blue moon  
21 Depressed

24 Stoppers  
25 Berated  
26 A Roosevelt rival  
27 Buccaneer  
28 Loser to DDE  
30 Cut grass  
31 Cleric's house  
32 Put on  
33 Hit  
35 Weight of Turkey  
36 Expression of glee  
37 Metal  
39 Springs back  
42 Bicker over price  
43 Cheer  
44 Epic poem  
47 Make into law  
48 Jai alai basket  
50 Shipshape  
51 Chimney dust  
52 Ms. Milay  
53 Ms. Novak  
54 Wrath  
55 Negative prefix  
56 African antelope

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

ACROSS  
1 GERMANY  
5 LEND  
10 CLEARANCE  
14 JACOB  
15 DELIGHT  
16 DESCENDED  
17 EQUIP  
18 GREENISH  
20 COLOR  
22 COIN  
23 WRITE  
24 FOOT  
27 HOT  
28 EXPERT  
29 HAM  
31 FARROW  
32 POOR  
33 MUTINIED  
34 WATER  
37 SOURCE  
38 TABLE  
39 TEAR  
40 LOPEZ  
41 ABRUPT  
42 EGG  
43 PARALLELOGRAM  
45 POET  
46 ITEM  
48 DA  
49 CERTAIN  
53 BIRD  
57 INCITE  
58 PRESS

DOWN  
1 CADGES  
2 CONTINENT  
3 CERTAIN  
4 FOOTBALL  
5 LEDGER  
6 HALF  
7 CUPIDITY  
8 ABSOLUTELY  
9 ELLEN  
10 GAL  
11 MUHAMMAD  
12 ULLMANN  
13 SUMMER  
19 BLUE MOON  
21 DEPRESSED

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