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letters to the editor

Big Four ticket distribution big farce

To the editor:
The ticket distribution for the Big Four Basketball Tournament was a ridiculous farce—another example of how Carolina students are being deprived of legitimate opportunities to go to Carolina sporting events! The ticket distribution was not well publicized, since by 1 p.m. only 150 people were in Carmichael waiting for the 300 available tickets. In addition, the price was increased, but that was not publicized either. Most importantly, the distribution system was changed and *no one* was notified! Last year, students were able to purchase actual tickets. This year, for some unknown reason, students may pay only for receipts to be redeemed for tickets the night of the game. Only after arguing with the people in charge were we able to get the receipts numbered, with names on them, so as to keep each person's priority in line. Small consolation!!! After waiting for hours in Carmichael, we now have to go to Greensboro, possibly miss dinner, and wait in line again to get our paid-for tickets.

Supposedly, it is an Honor Code violation to sell your ticket to someone other than a student. By employing this new system, the ticket office is, by implication, saying it does not believe in or support the Honor Code. If the University's administrative offices don't support it, who should? Furthermore, it's a crime and a disgrace that such distribution procedures are allowed to exist. In essence, student attendance at sporting events is discouraged by the time-consuming and inefficient system of distribution. In fact, the distribution policy encourages students to miss classes just to get a ticket (or in this case a \$28 receipt)! It is a sad situation when a University is more concerned with its alumni than with the students it is here to serve. What we are being told, in short, is that to see a Carolina basketball game, we must either devote a whole day, while skipping classes, or wait 10 years until we can afford to give money to the Alumni Association to get tickets.

The events that took place in Carmichael on Nov. 15 were an outrage, and the situation should be rectified immediately by those responsible for fouling up in the first place.

Kendall Blackwelder
and 57 other students

Difference of opinion

To the editor:
I was thoroughly disappointed with Stephen Jackson's "review" (*DTH*, Nov. 16) of PRC's production of *Threads*. Having worked at this performance for more than half the run, I accurately can say that his opinion is not one shared by the majority of the audiences. The response has been quite the opposite. *Threads* is a touching and moving piece. Never was I at a performance where there was a tear shed over the tender talent of Frank Raiter as the father or the passionate portrayal of Lenka Peterson as the mother.

I feel Mr. Jackson has misconceived the entire work. *Threads*, as a "metaphor" depicts the interweaving of family relations. Jonathan Bolt enunciates a small town as a minute world within itself: how these colorful characters have become trapped in its simplicity; how one of them has become celebrated by stepping out of its realms into a world unknown to them; how failure and acceptance are the essence of life. It is a universal situation—not just regional.

I must admit I anticipated the stereotyped Southern scene, but was pleasantly surprised. Bolt articulated the South in a fresh, poetic way. His use of "chess pie" was a delightful relief from the traditional use of "grits." Time and again I heard a viewer say, "Gee, I felt just like I was in my grandmothers home." Truly



the set and the characters caught intimate and unique images of the South.

I also feel the actors and director Amy Saltz (none of whom are native North Carolinians) should be commended for their dialects. Rarely were they exaggerated. The contrast of Allan Carlsen's non-Southern dialect of Clyde's proved only to strengthen his character of "hometown boy gone actor."

As for the emotions "slipping in and out," I think it was the reviewer who was slipping—more out than in. Emotion prevails strongly from the moment the play begins, conjuring up painful memories that are rekindled into a steadily growing flame which burns brilliantly at the end of the second act where Lenka Peterson engulfs the audience during her glowing death scene. From there the audience is swept fervidly along with the sympathy and sensitivity of the remaining act until they are left breathless by Frank Raiter's tear-jerking performance of his confession of love.

In short, I feel Jonathan Bolt's *Threads* is an inspiring and penetrating piece, filled with memorable performances, and well worth seeing.

Candy Clapp
11-R Old Well

Reiteration

To the editor:
My letter to the editor, Monday, Nov. 14, was heavily edited. Several important points were omitted. I would like to re-emphasize the obscured major thrust of the letter, the lack of communication in the large lecture class between the professor and the student, and the resulting apathy in the classroom.

In addition to ignoring further thought and effort, often grading errors are ignored. Yet when the additional correct answers to a question or just an error in grading is pointed out, it is "too late" (too much trouble) for all the TAs to correct all the tests. All these lost points and disregarded effort may not change grades drastically, but they do add up in *disincentives* and *apathy* towards classes and learning, in general.

Again I want to re-emphasize the need for effort by both the faculty and the students to reduce this lack of communication. Students, you're here to get involved in learning. GRIPE if you have a legitimate complaint! Professors,

take an interest in your students. Don't let apathy breed in your classes—be willing to listen and respond to your students and to change teaching faults and grading errors!

Debbie Gray
A-8 Carolina Apartments

Disassociation

To the editor:
I think that your staff writer Carol Hanner should have known that the Psychical Research Foundation is not affiliated with Duke University. To say that it gives it an air of scientific respectability which it does not deserve. I do not believe that there is any reason to suppose that what is done there is science.

Elliot M. Cramer
Psychology department

Rah, Rah, RA!

To the editor:
Starting Monday, Nov. 20th, Resident Assistant (RA) Appreciation Week will begin. This week was voted unanimously by the residence life staff to be set aside to thank the RAs for their support of endless hours in making the residence hall system a successful one. It is only a small token of our appreciation, but we feel that it is a well-deserved one.

So if you would, please take the time to show your RA that you appreciate them. Partake in some of the old traditions such as, "Kiss Your RA" day, or "Do Something Nice For Your RA" day, or "Say Goodbye Before You Leave" day.

So just remember RAs need TLC and a little kindness goes a long way.

Ron Wilson
Henderson Residence College RD

Liberal?

To the editor:
I was amused by the article in Tuesday's *DTH* comparing the roles of dorm RAs at UNC and Shippensburg State College in Pennsylvania. UNC is portrayed as a model of liberalism, where concerns with "student growth" outweigh an emphasis on discipline. In comparison with many colleges, however, UNC seems like a holdover from the dark ages.

I attended Brown University for two and one half years, where there were virtually NO RULES restricting personal

choices of lifestyle. There were coed dorms with men's and women's rooms mixed throughout, for those who so chose. In single dormitories residents chose their own visitation hours (I think I heard of a dorm once that actually did choose to have restricted hours). In addition, there were no rules regulating drinking or drugs, so long as they were not unreasonably disruptive, a situation I never saw. The University Regulations, which begin with a list of basic students' rights, include the statement, "It is improper and unnecessary for the University to duplicate the law enforcement functions of the civil state."

This all reflects a straightforward recognition that the role of the university should be to offer an education to the students, while leaving them the necessary freedom to sort out their own moral values. What is more important to the development of free thinking people than freedom to flounder, to make one's own choices and mistakes? There can be guidance without enforcement!

At UNC the problems with enforcement of visitation hours certainly could be most easily solved by allowing the dorm residents to choose their own policies. (Whom you're sleeping with shouldn't concern the dean, unless you're sleeping with the dean.)

Rules designed to protect students from the consequences of their own freedom deter self-examination and encourage students to subscribe to the myth being perpetrated on them—that they cannot be trusted to make their own choices, to shape their own learning actively, by trial and error.

Lee Thomas

The Best

To the editor:
Before beginning the long drive home, I want to leave a letter with the *Daily Tar Heel* expressing my feelings that this past weekend was the best Carolina Homecoming I have seen since my undergraduate days a score of years ago. The numerous activities and high campus spirit recalled the finest traditions of Homecoming, exemplified, for instance, by the large number of lovely candidates participating in the Queen pageant. The CAA and other groups are to be congratulated for revitalizing this very collegiate institution.

Charles McCoy
UNC '60

The tasks at hand

When a vacancy occurs among a university's deans, it is a cause for concern not only among the members of the affected school, but among the university community as a whole. With their heavy influence in matters as important as hiring and firing, course selection and assignment and long-term planning policy, the deans are to their schools what the chancellor is to the university. And when the university in question is one with as consistent a reputation for quality as UNC, the cause for concern is just that much greater.

This year the University must fill not one, but six vacant deanships, in the graduate school and the schools of law, education, medicine, journalism and business administration. The task will be made even more difficult—and more important—by the fact that the futures of some of the University's finest schools will be on the line.

For the law school the process of selecting a replacement for retiring dean Robert G. Byrd will be especially significant; the school in fact now stands at a crossroad. With a large contingent of new professors appointed in the last year, and a new demand rising for expanded opportunities for practical experience, the school's conditions are ripe for a new dean to work many changes. The law school has until now defied definition of its academic character in any precise way—except that it trains an extraordinary number of North Carolina lawyers—but it is not too much to say that it will very soon face the possibility of becoming an institution of national prominence; or it may choose to remain regional in its focus.

The task for the new deans of the schools of medicine, business administration and journalism, on the other hand, will be to insure that their schools retain their places among the nation's finest. Above all, the new deans will have to defend their schools against the menace of creeping complacency; many have felt that the journalism and business schools in particular have been guilty in recent years of resting on their laurels. The School of Education will face the demands of improving the skills of its graduates a great deal in a short span of time, and like the medical school will have to deal with the increasingly difficult problem of striking the proper balance between specialization and general education.

And if the amount of responsibility to be delegated seems inordinate already, there is as well the deanship of the graduate school to be decided upon; that position carries with it a great degree of responsibility in academic areas as diverse as folklore and neurobiology.

Fully half the University's academic administrators will be selected in the next few months. Already the selection process is under way. Committees are meeting, advertisements are being placed, interviews are being arranged. We can only hope that a quality of leadership equal to the tasks at hand will be exercised in the search.

Out of character

Encouraging news will certainly come from the Traffic and Parking Committee meeting today. For regardless of which alternative the committee recommends to Vice Chancellor for Business John Temple to respond to the loss of the Carolina Union lot next year, North Campus residents who park their cars in the N-4 lots around Cobb and Joyner dorms still will be assured of parking spaces on campus.

But there probably will be discouraging news as well. If Temple acts as all expect he will, most of those spaces for the students who live in Connor, or Winston, or Ruffin, or Lewis, or almost anywhere on North Campus, will be on South Campus—figuratively if not literally miles away. And with such a move, the convenience of a parking space within a reasonable walk of one's residence will become a privilege enjoyed by a fortunate few.

Temple could, of course, act differently. He could reserve all but a few of the N-4 parking permits for dorm residents and place faculty, staff and commuting students in South Campus lots—and thereby encourage use of the buses the University funds so well. He could establish as policy the notion that commuters—the people who contribute to the incessant flow of traffic around the campus—be forced to make a small sacrifice in return.

Any decision by the vice chancellor to retain the spaces in the N-4 zone for students living on North Campus, though, would be distinctly out of character with the University's traditional handling of such affairs; as choice parking spaces bow to new construction, faculty and staff are invariably moved to the next best spot while students are left with the remains. But it would be a refreshing, progressive change if Temple were to acknowledge the pleas of those members of the UNC community who consistently pay the price associated with University growth. It would be a sound, fair and surprisingly logical move if Temple were to save N-4 for the residents it now serves.

Bond sees Democrats in danger of losing blacks

'In Quotes'

By MARTHA WAGGONER

Julian Bond appeared to be ready, willing and able to talk about almost any subject at a news conference held just hours before he gave the Weil lecture last Monday night in Memorial Hall.

Reading *Time*, drinking coffee and smoking constantly, Bond was the picture of a man at ease in the situation, yet somehow intense and very involved in what he says.

He was asked, as expected, questions about the role and position of blacks in the nation today. Bond said the recent Bakke decision will further decrease the number of blacks who are admitted to medical schools.

Before the Bakke decision, the number of black students at medical schools had begun to decline, Bond said. In 1968, the number of blacks began to rise and it peaked in 1973. Since then, the number of blacks in medical schools has been decreasing.

Bond said he fears "the spillover effect of affirmative action programs all over the nation."

Bond said the most important areas for blacks to make gains in are income and employment. "We're 10 percent of the

population and 20 percent of the unemployed," Bond said. Bond said if the unemployment rate of blacks could be lowered to that of white America, blacks would be "10 times better off than we are."

The short run solution to the unemployment of black teenagers would be government programs, Bond said. These programs should exclude the children of middle-class families so that "it serves those it's intended to serve." He said the long-run solution would be an expansion of the private economy. However, Bond said the unemployed are not willing to wait long enough for the latter plan to be implemented.

Bond said he is concerned with the effect of a recent trend toward conservatism on social programs. "For the immediate future, we will see attempts to cut down on a whole range of social programs," Bond said. "People in fairly desperate straits will be in more desperate straits."

As evidence of the conservative trend, Bond talked about the successful re-election campaigns of Strom Thurmond in South Carolina and Jesse Helms in North Carolina.

Thurmond was re-elected, Bond charged, by doing personal favors for the black and the poor when in South Carolina and then voting against them in Washington, D.C. "Thurmond has been opposed to every piece of progressive legislation in the past 25 to 30 years," Bond said.

Bond said Helms won his second term in the U.S. Senate through the money he received for his campaign, not necessarily because of his conservatism.

Bond said the defeat of former Sen. Edward Brooke, a Republican from Massachusetts, is more of a loss for the Republican party than for blacks. He said Brooke's replacement holds many of the same positions as Brooke does, but the Republican Party "increasingly appeals to a smaller and smaller percentage of the electorate."

He said the Republican Party is trying to attract more black voters, but that the party's methods are wrong. Republicans tell black Democrats to prove how independent they are by voting Republican. Yet, when asked what the Republican Party will do that the Democratic won't, the Republicans say, NOTHING. "The Republican Party must compete ideologically," Bond said.

However, the Democratic Party and President Carter may be in danger of losing their black support base, Bond said, and the dismissal of United Nations' ambassador Andrew Young only would strengthen this loss. "There's a real feeling of disappointment among many blacks, especially those who worked for him (Carter)." He said black voters are not looking for a new candidate, but instead will not vote at all in 1980.

He did say Carter may have a chance to

regain the black vote if his new "Director of Symbolism, Gerald Rafshoon," is able to use symbols as effectively in 1980 as he did in 1976. He suggested Carter spending the night in a tenement house or wearing a pair of overalls instead of a cardigan sweater as two possible symbols.

Bond was asked about competency tests which North Carolina high school students must pass before graduation in order to get high school diploma. If a student does not pass, he will receive a certificate of attendance in lieu of the diploma.

"I'm not opposed to the competency test, but I am opposed to a test with cultural bias contained in it," Bond said. He said he thinks a student's competency should be tested at the end of his or her first year of school instead of waiting until the last year.

He also suggested tests for teachers and administrators. "Society needs some kind of measure as to where our abilities are," Bond said. He said a culturally no-biased competency test could achieve this.

Bond said he has not taken a competency test, but "I've taken IQ tests which I feel are culturally biased."

Bond said he did not see why a course in black studies could not be required in high schools. "It would be more proper to have a course of black history, although ideally, a regular history and a black history course should be taught together," Bond said.



Julian Bond

Bond said he has no national ambitions and is happy with his position in the state government as a senator. "I like being a legislator," Bond said. He said the only two positions he could aspire to are the position of lieutenant governor or governor. "I'm not really, at the moment, interested in that," he said.

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