

Ratify SALT II

The 1979 Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty won't ensure peace. It won't even ensure peace between the United States and the Soviet Union. But it is a step in the right direction and should be ratified by the U.S. Senate.

The treaty may not seem to be much of a diplomatic triumph, but it was negotiated in good faith by men on both sides. It limits the number of nuclear weapons the Americans and Soviets may have and introduce into their respective arsenals until 1985, an auspicious step forward, yet only a step. SALT II has no effect on the countries' conventional weapons and both sides will retain enough nuclear firepower to decimate most, if not all, of the world and its population.

Critics of the treaty come from both ends of the political spectrum; some say it does not do enough; others say it cripples America's ability to defend itself and its allies. They miss the point. SALT II is not an end in itself, but merely a statement in a continuing process of diplomatic relations. It reflects a growth, albeit slow and delicate, of cooperation between two major world powers.

The Soviets, former military allies, then bellicose opponents of America, have been recently learning a lesson about world politics. In country after

country—Afghanistan, Egypt, Angola and Iran—the Soviets have learned that heavy-handed diplomacy is a losing venture. Soviet hegemony has replaced so-called American imperialism as the anathema of the Third World.

Yearning to break from its image as the stumbling, isolated giant, the Soviet Union continually barged into smaller countries' affairs, but now appears ready to take another tack. SALT II can give the Soviets an opportunity to join the United States as responsible world citizens. Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin said Tuesday he hoped SALT II would form the "basis for broad cooperation on all fields, especially financial," hardly an ominous threat to U.S. security.

Senate ratification of SALT II will allow the Soviets to realize their future responsibilities as a world power. It will not give them more military clout than they now possess; neither will it strip the United States of its defenses. It will present an opportunity for advancement of Soviet-American cooperation.

That should be enough for the Senate.

Letters to the editor

Hunter displeased with Title IX article

To the editor:

In response to the article on discrimination within the UNC athletic department (*Summer Tar Heel*, June 14, 1979), I want to state that some of the article was taken out of context, misrepresented and outdated.

The article was presented as an interview of the UNC field hockey coach, Dolly Hunter, by the *Summer Tar Heel*. However, the interview took place in April 1979 and was given to Frannie Burns for her journalism class assignment, not for publication in any newspaper.

The *Summer Tar Heel* acquired Ms. Burns' paper and edited the interview with me for publication without my permission. I want to clarify what was said in the interview and give the current situation in the athletic department.

I stressed to Ms. Burns that this athletic department tries to equalize funding for all women's and men's non-revenue sports. The funding and facilities for field hockey are comparable to many other women's and men's non-revenue sports.

My budget requests have been completely accepted for the past three years. When I stated that I was intimidated about my budget, I meant that I have felt the need to be conservative, as every coach is asked to be.

The problems I have had with funding and facilities are the same problems shared by other women's and men's non-revenue sports. These problems have been and are being corrected. The solutions cannot happen overnight, but presently progress is being made for the benefit of my sport and others.

Example of field hockey improvements are the upgrading of the practice field, having home games on Fetzer Field for the first time this fall; and my team is receiving everything they need in equipment, travel requests, recruiting and field maintenance.

It is true that some non-revenue sports have better funding and facilities here. This is due to priorities, how long the team has been a varsity sport, the team's participation in ACC and national championships, interest in the sport by the University students and community, and if the sport is played widely in the state.

Many other schools funnel a majority of their athletic monies into one or more non-revenue sports. For example, John Hopkins puts a lot of money into its lacrosse team while the University of Maryland puts more emphasis on its track team. This University has been trying to equalize funding for all

our non-revenue sports with consideration of the priorities mentioned earlier.

Considering the win/loss records, the women's teams at this University are as good as the men's teams. In the state, region and nation, our women's teams are ahead of many other colleges and universities in the country.

In 1979, seven of UNC-CH's varsity women's teams were first in the state. The swimming team finished fifth in the nation while the fencing finished 13th.

The women's golf and tennis teams recently completed in the AIAW National Championships.

It is interesting to note that the majority of schools nationally do not even have seven varsity women's teams, to say nothing of the 12 teams we have at Carolina for women.

Women's sports have definitely made tremendous strides in the past few years. The *Summer Tar Heel* article attributed this success to Title IX.

I feel that other factors have contributed to UNC-CH's women's athletic success, such as the rapidly improving caliber of women's coaches, more talented athletes, more encouragement and approval of women athletes, more research on women's performance and potential and increased spectator and press interest. Without the total support of the athletic department, our progress would not have been as strong. Women's athletics have been supported by the athletic department long before any pressure was exerted by Title IX.

As an employee, an alumna and someone who cares very much for this University, I support the attitude and efforts to maintain an outstanding athletic department. I feel certain that a successful future is in store for the women athletes at this University.

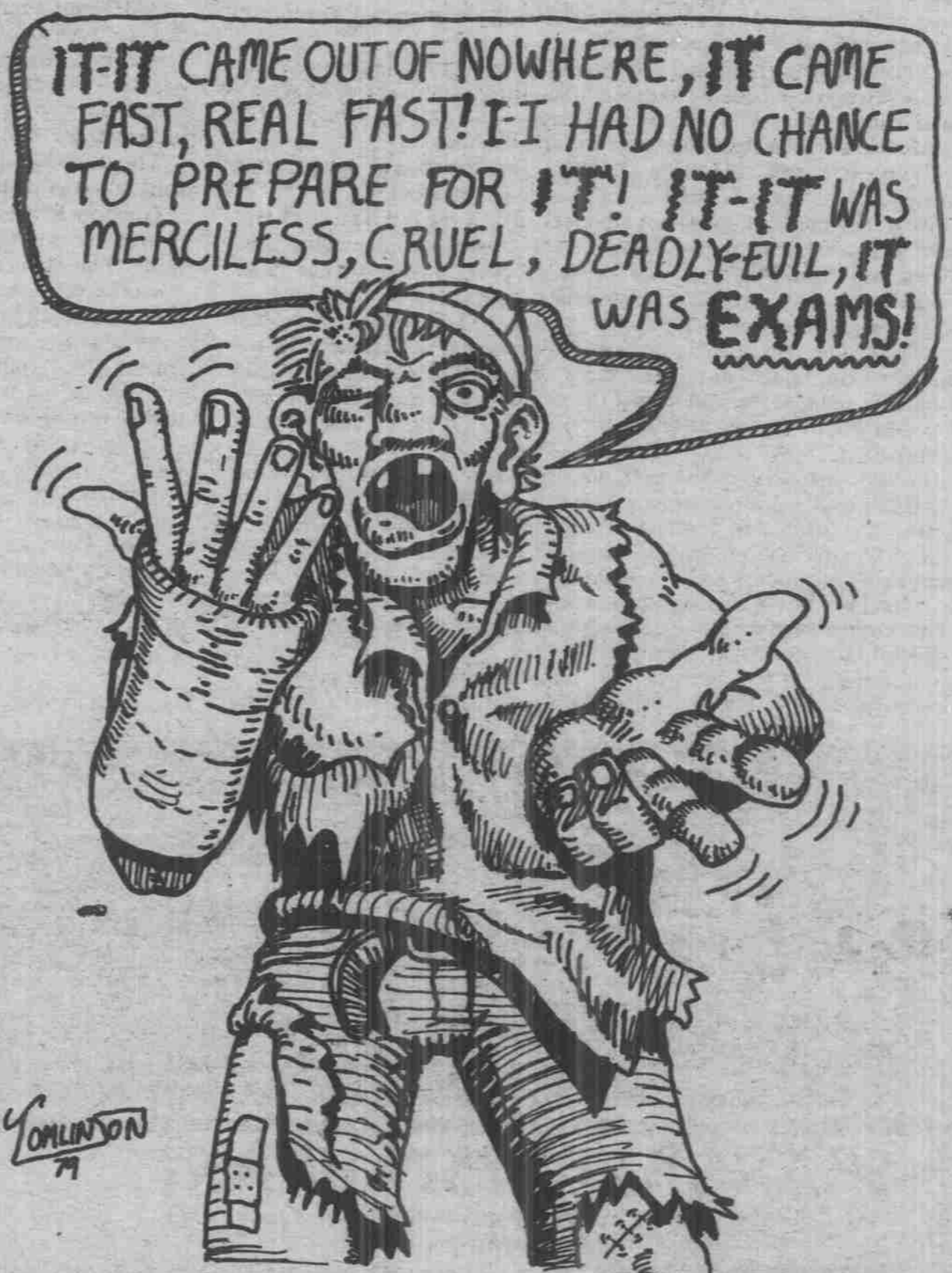
Dolly Anne Hunter
Field Hockey Coach.

'Propagandist lies'

To the editor:

It is difficult to imagine anyone being so naive and gullible as the author of the June 14 *Summer Tar Heel* article about Sidney Rittenberg, the UNC alumnus so blindly described as the "English-language expert for a radio station beaming messages of friendship to the United States." Rittenberg may innocently believe he is doing a good deed for the government that regarded the United States as its enemy until the first of this year, but his superiors in Red China certainly must know they are really beaming propaganda.

It is incredible that Rittenberg could spend nine years in forced solitary confinement on a charge, (a charge, mind you, not a conviction) of spying and still "retain my faith in the basic goodness and validity of the Chinese approach to society." Assuming he is not stupid or insane, how



could a man—unless caught up in own propagandist lies—still admire a system that investigated the charge and exonerated him only after he had spent nine years under what he calls "a reign of terror?"

Rittenberg claims he was impressed with the work of Chinese Communists and that "the Chinese people have won in the long run." Does he think the millions of people purged by the Communist leaders, or the hundreds of millions of peasants who continue to break their backs struggling to survive in one of the world's most backward economies, agree that "the Chinese People have won in the long run?" Of course he believes it; he writes propaganda for those

wonderful Communist leaders. We who have the freedom to disagree know better.

Doug Chapman

Letters?

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