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Summer in review

This summer, despite its ups and downs weather wise, has kept the heat on when it comes to world issues. There have been no doldrums in the *Tar Heel* office.

The terror of AIDS has received prominent mention in every major news publication in the United States, and the death toll from the disease has climbed above 700. Some are calling it just punishment for an unjust lifestyle, but the more realistic view is one of deep concern for the nation's victims and potential victims. The fight to wipe out AIDS has become an issue of morality, politics and, most importantly, the tension continues to mount.

U.S. involvement in Central America has also dominated the news and is being compared, often unfairly, to Vietnam. Several Americans, including two journalists, have lost their lives.

Sex scandals abound. In Washington, \$1 million was spent investigating alleged sexual misconduct by Reps. Crane and Studds. Right here in the Old North State, corruption among elected public officials has attracted national attention. Lt. Governor Jimmy Green, one of the most powerful men in the state, has been indicted for allegedly accepting bribe money and state Senator R.C. Soles has been indicted in the same Colcor investigation for corruption and racketeering.

In Chapel Hill, members of the Unification Church made themselves and their beliefs known for three weeks on Franklin Street. For the most part, the visit was without incident, but one man was reportedly fined \$70 for knocking over one of the church's display tables. The Moonies are gone now, but they plan to return in full force this fall under the guise of CARP (Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles). Their presence as a recognized campus religious organization has many people worried, including some campus ministers who feel that students will join CARP without realizing that they are affiliating with the Unification Church. You judge.

Even less cheery, perhaps, are thoughts of the fall and long lines, expenses, classes and studying. In two weeks, the campus will swell from about 5,000 to well over 23,000, and the pace of the Hill will change from a laid back village to a bustling academic and social center.

In the *Tar Heel* office this summer, we've dealt with much more pressing matters, like deadlines. We could go into extended discourse about deadlines. Such as how they're like the wind, unseen and immaterial, but still able to tousle your hair. . . . (At present, our hair is extremely unkempt.)

The office has demanded long hours from its writers and editors, but nevertheless it has been a living (?) and learning experience for everyone. Public support and applause, even boos and hisses, have made it all worthwhile. In fact, we might say it's been our pleasure.

Can't say we slept, though.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

I would like to comment briefly on Bill Riedy's remarks "Political uproar on all the fronts," *Tar Heel*, July 28, on my testimony in the case of *Gingles v. Edmisten*, the suit brought by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund which challenges the use of multimember districts in the North Carolina legislature. Riedy says that "it is of fundamental importance that people's attitudes change before blacks can achieve parity with whites."

With all due respect to Riedy, this is precisely the wrong approach. The political rights of a minority must never be at the mercy of other "people's attitudes." As long as black equality depends on the reluctant good will of whites, it will not be real equality at all. If

minorities must wait for "people's attitudes" to change, they may be forced to wait forever. The same argument was used to delay progress in civil rights for well over a century after emancipation. Rights must be protected by laws, not mere attitudes, or they cease to be rights.

Under the present system of multimember districts, whites exercise a veto over the right of blacks to elect representatives of their own choosing. This situation is unequal, unfair, and in my opinion, illegal. That is why the plaintiffs in this case deserve to win.

Harry L. Watson
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Library red tape

The following letter was addressed to Larry Alford, head of the Wilson Library Circulation Department. Copies were sent to various University officials and *The Tar Heel*.

To the editor:

I am writing in reference to a series of incidents which recently occurred at Wilson Library. On June 3 I returned three books to a Wilson Library book drop. On June 5 I left town for a research meeting followed by vacation.

Upon my return to Chapel Hill on June 24, a friend who had been collecting and opening my mail reported that he had found an overdue notice from Wilson Library. Since I had returned the books, I assumed that the notice was in error.

Shortly thereafter, I received a second notice from the library stating that I was to return the books or be charged for them. I immediately called the library, explained the situation and was told that the stacks would be checked for possible errors in recording the book check in.

About two weeks ago I received a book replacement bill. I called the library to inquire about the error. The man I talked to was unable to find any record of the books having been returned to the library. When I asked what recourse I had, he was unable to answer. At this point I inquired, "Are you a faculty or student?"

I feel I have treated unjustly by the library, and as a result by this institution, in the following ways:

1. It is unfair to make me suffer from loss of the books subsequent to their return to the library.

2. The penalty is in excess of the accused wrongdoing. I have been charged a \$35 replacement fee per book. The actual book prices are \$9.95 and \$8.95. In this case, subsidy amounts to 400 percent of the actual replacement cost of the books.

3. I am insulted and shocked by the implications of the question, "Are you faculty or student?" It is disturbing to think the University, with its long standing honor code, views its junior citizens, or students, as being less honorable than faculty members. I shall probably be taking an assistant professorship at a university in four years and in now way feel that on the day of my employment I will transform into an honorable being.

Finally, the most disturbing item is the lack of a means to right a wrong: I am powerless to defend myself against the library bureaucracy. I have been told that after appealing to (Larry Alford, head of Wilson Library Circulation Department), I have no further means of appeal. I am requesting that Alford look into this problem and appoint an impartial board consisting of those with a less vested interest in the functioning of Wilson Library to investigate my complaint. I am also requesting that Alford freeze this bill at the cashier's office until the matter is settled.

Susan L. Eberly
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Restaurant courtesy

To the editor:

We, the restaurant personnel of Chapel Hill, would like to offer some helpful hints to the populace. We feel these suggestions will make eating out more pleasurable for both you and your waiter/waitress:

Please, never tip a wait. They are there to serve you, not make money. If you must tip, leave only pocket change. What would a person, who makes less than \$1 an hour, do with bills?

Always demand that your wait or cashier split your check. After all, you would not want to pay for even 10 cents of your dining companion's bill. This is extremely important for large parties.

Speaking of large parties, always make requests (another drink, more coffee, another napkin, etc.) separately. This way your wait will never have to carry more than one thing at a time. Also, it's great exercise.

Ignore all signs regarding payment until after your meal. Examples of these include: "We do not split checks," "No checks accepted," "A 15 percent gratuity will be added."

Never acknowledge signs which read "Please wait to be seated," "Please seat yourself," etc.

When seating yourself, always choose a cluttered table as opposed to a clean one. This

way your wait can impress you with his speed in bussing tables, a skill he takes great pride in.

If you can't finish everything on your plate, ask your wait to wrap it up for you. After all, you paid for every bit of lettuce in that salad and every potato chip on that plate.

In restaurants with extensive drink lists, ask your wait to describe each drink. He will enjoy the challenge.

Beg, plead, and insist on extra strong drinks. You know you're special!

When in the company of a large party, suggest you all opt for frozen drinks. When they do not arrive immediately make sure your wait has not forgotten. He will enjoy lamenting that the restaurant does not have eight blenders. This has always been his suggestion to the manager.

Always insist that the cook can still "whip up something," even after the kitchen has closed. Your wait will certainly appreciate the vast knowledge you have of the kitchen policies.

In short, we hope these suggestions will improve your future "dining experiences." To those of you who do not fully appreciate the importance of these helpful hints, we offer to you our best shifts . . . Football Saturdays. Happy dining.

E. Pinckney
C. Brady
Chapel Hill