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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For graduation's and honor's sake

To the editor:

Degrees from Carolina are much more than just documents which state that students have completed a particular set of required courses. The degrees means that students have been educated in every sense of the word. They have been exposed to a vast array of diverse individuals, and to the social as well as academic benefits that this University offers. They have developed into well-rounded individuals who can

adopt to a variety of situations. UNC degrees also mean that students have completed your academic requirements and experienced these situations within the guidelines of the honor system.

Our honor system at Chapel Hill is run by students and is supported by the student body. It is that honor system that allows us to have an atmosphere of trust between students and faculty. It is also this system that makes a UNC degree valuable. Unfortunately, students sometimes violate

the Honor Code, which prohibits academic lying, cheating and stealing, and the Campus Code, which prohibits actions that impair the welfare and educational opportunities of others.

Last year, six seniors were charged with violations at the time of final exams just before graduation. These six students were found guilty and suspended. They received an "F" in the course and lost all credit for all other courses taken that semester. One senior, found guilty of destroying University property faced restitution fines in excess of \$3,000. Some seniors argued that they had more to lose than underclassmen, including jobs and acceptance to graduate and professional schools. However, an honor system would not be upholding its purpose if it accepted this line of reasoning

because honor is honor.

It is important to recognize that these students were not "bad" people; they just didn't think. A senior's last semester is perhaps one of the most difficult times in a college career with pressures of graduation and job-hunting. These pressures often cause people to act before thinking. However, no final paper or exam is worth the risk of having to delay obtaining a degree. Students should remember that the faculty and administrators who have helped them the past four years are still willing to help when the pressure mounts. They need to think before they act and consider their options to benefit in the long-run.

Gerry Battle
1983-84 Senior Class Vice President

Hark the sound of ... freebies

Yesterday's lead story in the DTH caused quite a sensation on campus, and some students accused us of doing just that — causing a sensation.

Nonsense. We simply reported that non-students have been using basketball tickets designated for members of the UNC pep band to get in to see Carolina home games. And that upsets us, because we don't appreciate someone getting something they don't deserve.

A set number of tickets (87) is allotted to the pep band for each home basketball game, but there always are a few — often as many as 20 — tickets left over. However, instead of being returned to the ticket office, as they should be, the tickets are given to "friends" of the band.

One of those "friends," perhaps an unknowing recipient, has been Donald Boulton, dean of student affairs, who has gotten band-allotted "sideline passes." He now says that, while he believed the passes to be legitimate, he doesn't "believe that non-students should be using the tickets." As he went on to say, "The band is a student organization. When you graduate, you are an alumnus and there are other avenues open to you."

Bravo. We detect a hint of hypocrisy but, as they say, ignorance is bliss.

More deserving of attention here are band director Major John Yesulaitis and his assistant, Allen Reep. Yesulaitis, who is ultimately responsible, says any tickets

left over are returned to the ticket office after the games. Now, by our reckoning, there should have been about 100-150 extra tickets. But, according to the ticket office, Yesulaitis returned only eight or 10 during the entire season!

Also curious are the comments of Band President David Bagnal, who said he didn't feel the band was doing anything illegal or unbecoming. Besides, he said, most band members knew about the extra tickets and — get this — they didn't want them.

That's not what we heard. Two officers and a senior member of the band told us they knew nothing of the extra tickets. And what makes Bagnal think the band members wouldn't want the tickets? Students have been known to bite and pull hair in pursuit of a chance to see Michael Jordan, et al, play in Carmichael.

More Bagnal: "Whether they're students or not, to me, really doesn't matter." It certainly should matter. The band tickets are designated for the band, and the band only.

Allen Reep said he allowed non-students — including band graduates, relatives of band members and his personal friends — to use pep band tickets. His boss, Yesulaitis, however, said he was unaware of non-students using pep band tickets and that it was not something he condoned. "If it has happened," Yesulaitis said, "no one has brought it to my attention."

Attention granted.

Outrageous acquittals

To the editor:

On Nov. 3, 1979, five people were shot to death in Greensboro by members of the American Nazi Party and the Ku Klux Klan. Their names were Jim Waller, Mike Nathan, Cesar Cauce, Sandi Smith and Bill Sampson and they were all members of the Communist Workers Party. I give their names for a reason — I give their names because it seems the press tends to forget that these were human beings. They were honest, hard-working people fighting for peace and justice, with families and friends and co-workers who mourn their deaths. A year after they were murdered, the Klansmen and Nazis responsible for their deaths were acquitted of all murder charges by an all-white jury.

And now, in 1984, they have again been handed a verdict of "not guilty" of charges that they violated the civil rights of the five CWP members when they shot them down in Greensboro. As one of the banners at the rally in the Pit on Tuesday protesting the acquittals stated: "Welcome to North Carolina... where being murdered is NOT a violation of your civil rights." To my mind, the acquittals are a clear message to the Klan, the Nazis, and all the people in this country. A frightening message. Our system of justice has told us it's OK to kill, and — as was said at the rally — has given the perpetrators of racial violence a green light for murder.

Susanna Rinehart
Chapel Hill

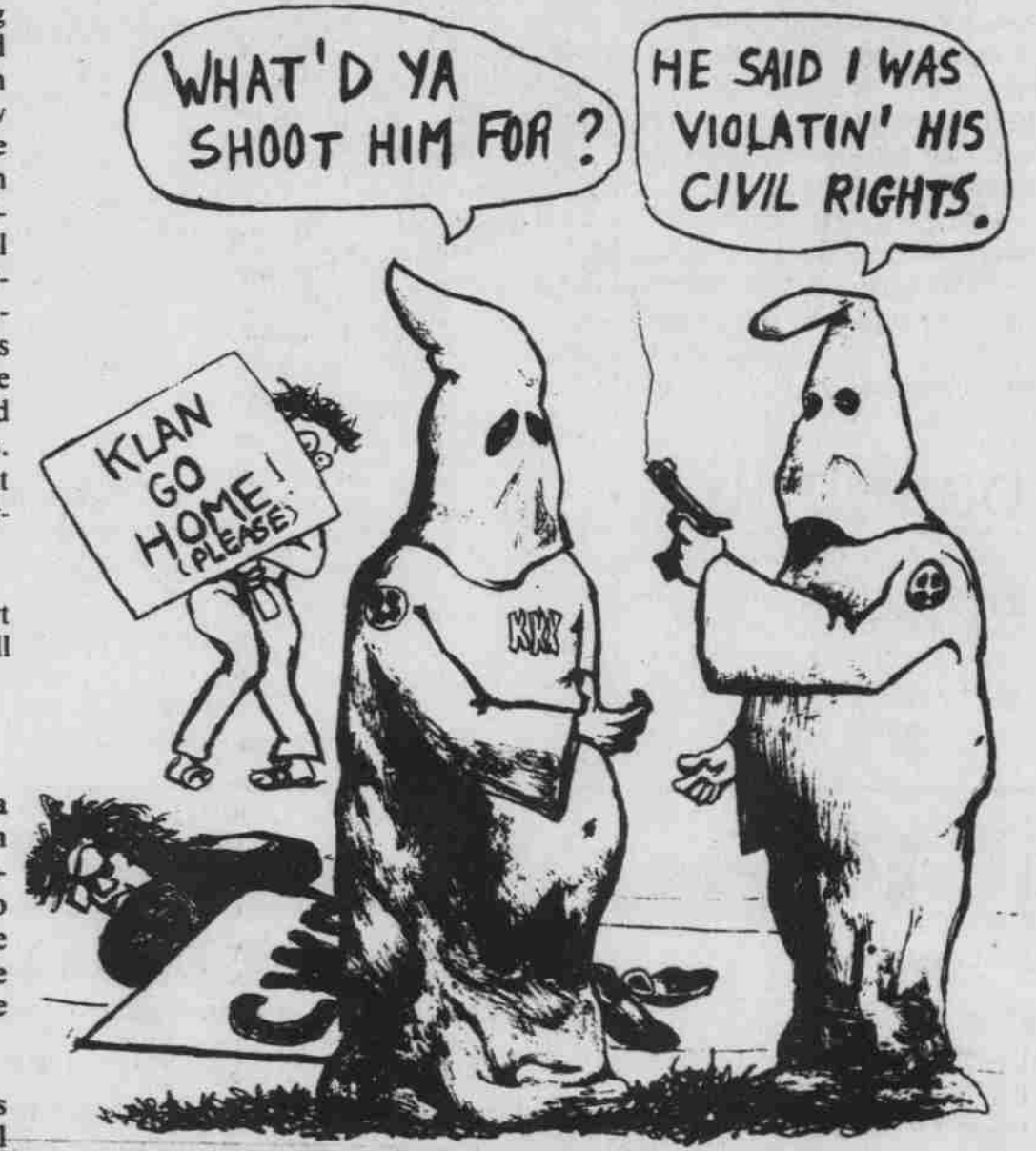
Adolph Whitehood

To the editor:

On the homefront today, an all-white jury found Uncle Sam not guilty on five counts of institutionalized racism, conspiratorial murder and systematic terror, as the Hon. Judge Jim Crow presided. Following the acquittal, the country wept as Grand Dragon Adolph Whitehood announced his plan to run for governor

under the slogan "the South's gonna do it again." As police dispersed an angry mob, reporters attended a luncheon prepared by the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, the police department and the F.B.I. The Justice Department could not be reached for comment.

Randolph Thomas
Chapel Hill



Downing Soviet imperialism

Recent Soviet complaints about U.S. management of the upcoming Olympic Games remind us that U.S. athletes did not attend the 1980 Olympics in Moscow. It is important, however, to recall the persuasive reasoning behind U.S. non-participation: the "Soviet invasion of Afghanistan." Now, while Soviet troops mass for a giant spring offensive against the Afghan resistance, Western outrage has subsided almost to nothing. That silence has had the unfortunate effect of lending the Soviets a freer hand in their savage repression of the Afghan people and the mujahideen, Afghanistan's resistance movement.

Brutal atrocities are taking place in Afghanistan. For example: massacres of the entire adult male populations of villages in reprisal for guerrilla attacks... villages and small cities bombed flat without warning on suspicion of supporting the guerrillas... colorful delayed-action incendiary pellets, sometimes consumed by children before detonation... gas warfare.

None of this has stopped the resistance movement. Operating in part from neighboring Pakistan, guerrillas now dominate an estimated 90 percent of Afghanistan's territory. Many of the guerrilla groups seek the establishment of a religious state in Afghanistan, while others pursue the return of democracy. These Afghans in particular suffer from the U.S. restraint in assistance. For while the principal Soviet weapon deployed against the mujahideen is the helicopter gunship, U.S. \$100

million-a-year aid is limited to guns and mortars.

Opposition in the United States to the provision of surface-to-air missiles stands on three legs. First, such aid would poison U.S.-Soviet relations. Second, Pakistan might refuse to allow such arms to be smuggled to the rebels because a mujahideen victory creating a united Afghanistan would be more threatening to Pakistan than a disunited Afghanistan. Third, sending more weaponry to the rebels means fighting Soviet troops to the last drop of Afghan blood.

These arguments are not as strong as they appear. Superpower relations are already soured: ballooning military aid to Pakistan has given the United States more leverage on that country. The perseverance of the mujahideen, after five years of fighting the Soviet military machine with small arms and light artillery, has convincingly demonstrated that these men will resist the Soviet occupation even without aid. But with that aid, their efforts might be less in vain.

President Reagan has committed much American prestige to the support of the far-right Nicaraguan rebels, a CIA-funded movement with little apparent support within the target country. But in Afghanistan, only 400 miles from the Persian Gulf, the United States is giving limited aid to a genuinely homegrown, democratic movement clearly battling Soviet communism and expansionism. U.S. priorities are out of order, and Afghans are dying as a result.

Faith restored: CGC hearings

By BILL BARLOW

This year the Campus Governing Council budgeting process received quite a lot of attention, and rightly so. As a member of the Finance Committee and an active member of Students Effectively Establishing a Democratic Society, I would like to offer an inside perspective on this all too impetuous process. Before going into the gory details, let me say that final budget appropriations were surprisingly equitable, considering the fiscal restraints. I feel the money will reach many more students this year than it may have in the past. Three countervailing factors will merge: a need for groups to utilize one another's resources to stretch their budgets; greater scrutiny of group spending by the student body treasurer and the Finance Committee of group spending, and a concerted effort to increase advertisement of all campus events (which is built into each group's spending priorities). These factors will open the gate for student participation. It is up to each of you to walk through it.

During the first round of leaderless budget cutting (the elected Finance Committee chairperson had quit, and the temporary appointee was consistently absent), the core of the committee meti-

culously sifted through the proposed budget of each group. We considered the qualitative reports on each program (the Rules and Judiciary and Student Affairs committees had conducted hearings on the quality of each proposal, although some reports never made it to the budget hearings). We then allowed each group to make a presentation on the merits of their project. Finally we checked for possible padding, commitment to the project by the group members and the record of previous fiscal responsibility.

Given the tight budget, the process did not lend itself to making friends. I had thoroughly investigated Student Legal Services (which consumes a full one-third of the budget) in hopes of redistributing our wealth. What I found was top-notch professional service at rock bottom prices — there was no flesh to spare. Therefore, I began swinging my axe early on a full range of groups. Tim Newman (Dist. 10), who proved willing to be realistic about needed budget cuts, soon found himself in the non-voting position of acting chair (in which he served admirably). Thus, I appeared as a renegade in my budget slashing crusade. I blasted the Student Television leadership for coming back to an impoverished CGC after receiving a \$22,000 advance on their student fee. Then I voiced the committee's consent to cut the Fine Arts Festival from its original allocation of \$14,000 to a token \$500. Only with a strong message of support, via a student fee increase, can we afford such a high caliber and culturally enlightening event. The choice to fund a Yackety Yack over a Fine Arts Festival did not stem from my personal preferences (Buckminster Fuller is my all-time hero), nor did it stem from my SEEDS commitment. In this, as in all decisions, my criteria were the cost and benefit

to the general student body and balancing the projects so that everyone gets something. In this spirit, I voted during the full council meeting Saturday to halve the allocation to the Toronto Exchange, of which I am treasurer.

An unsettling feeling arose when I proposed cuts in the Black Student Movement budget. In the first round (in which I felt everyone should begin to make sacrifices) the vote went whites against blacks. This didn't make me feel as though I was leading the student body towards interracial harmony, which is a primary goal of SEEDS. Serving on the CGC and especially this year's Finance Committee is as thankless and demanding job as any in the Student Government which now receive scholarships (I voted consistently to eliminate student scholarships paid with student activity fees).

In fact, the whole frustrating experience leaves me reconsidering my service on the council. Yet the final, full council meeting on the budget and the outcome has eased my thoughts. As the process is necessary and vital to our campus community, much has to be done to make it a productive experience for all who come before it.

In closing, I would like to praise the core of dedicated committee members who spent days and nights in what seemed a fruitless process. Ron Everett (Dist. 13), Wyatt Closs (Dist. 10), Connie Brown (Dist. 21) and Newman. Special praise goes to Student Body Treasurer Allen Robertson, who was a guiding light and objective counsel. I now ask you, my fellow students, to take notice and enjoy the programs we have agreed to fund. Please do not let our efforts to serve you go in vain.

Bill Barlow is the District 4 representative to the Campus Governing Council.

'DTH' editorials this week

Monday: The dispute over whether Jesse Jackson's "Hymie" remark was on or off the record has obscured the fact that the remark was made in the first place.

A recent decision by the Texas Board of Education to drop a rule requiring textbooks to present evolution as theory rather than fact is a positive move for that state.

Tuesday: The "bookstore approach" being used by a Raleigh public library will not result in people becoming classical illiterates. The library's display of popular books has boosted circulation, and that bodes well for the premise that any reading is good.

Wednesday: The acquittal of the Klansmen and Nazis involved in the slayings of five Communist Workers Party members at a 1979 anti-Klan rally refreshes memories of a gruesome crime committed in a vacant Greensboro lot, and of the legal injustice that followed. The system has failed, and nine probable killers have managed to ensure that fellow Americans are better dead than red.

Americans who solicit pornography from other countries do so in defiance of the law. By maintaining lists of those who receive the dirty goods.

Thursday: The small fuss over Student Body President Paul Parker's cabinet appointments seems unfounded.

World and Nation

"A little trickle of blood comes out, and they're all on the bandwagon, biting, kicking, fighting for John DeLorean's carcass."

— Howard Weitzman, DeLorean's chief defense attorney, accusing government investigative agents, a paid informer and a prosecutor of plotting to gain fame by smashing the life of a powerful man.

"Everybody who's eligible should be registered, but here they are using taxpayers' money to register predominantly Democrats. There are not a lot of Republicans in the welfare lines."

— George W. Strake, chairman of the Texas Republican Party, objecting to a directive that state employees offer to register people who applied for government services.

"This appears to me the most emphatic way I can express my view that the Senate committee was not properly briefed on the mining of Nicaraguan harbors with American mines from an American ship under American command."

— Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., in a prepared statement explaining his Sunday resignation from the vice chairmanship of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

Week In Review

"Khadafy hangs students!"

— Protesting Libyans outside the Libyan embassy in London shouting in Arabic Tuesday, before a sniper inside the embassy opened fire with a machine gun, killing a police woman and injuring 11 demonstrators.

State

"This is not just Jim Hunt against Jesse Helms. It's about whether we will remove from office one of the most negative forces in American politics and replace him with a positive voice for progress in this nation."

— Gov. Jim Hunt at the N.C. Association of Educators annual convention on the NCAE's failure to endorse a candidate for the race for Senate. The NCAE has withheld its endorsement to pressure Hunt to push for gains in public education in the June session of the General Assembly.

"I felt like I died and went to heaven. I can go to a Klan meeting again."

— Virgil L. Griffin, 40, grand dragon of the Invisible Empire of the KKK, on the not guilty verdict decided by the all-white jury of the Nazi-Klan trial.

Campus

"I don't think that certain CGC members should have come up to me before the budget hearings and said, 'Face it, there is no way you are going to be funded.' I don't think I or any other of the organizations should be treated this way."

— Ashley Lefler, co-chairperson of the Fine Arts Festival on the treatment she received from the Campus

"I admit that it's a little more exciting when you're young and win one than when you're 70 and win one. It gives me great pride and satisfaction to win one 30 years after the first one."

— Vermont Royster, a Kenan professor emeritus in the UNC School of Journalism was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Journalism Monday.

"When you win an election you expect people not to be happy with everything. But now it's time to bury the hatchet. We've got lots of work to do — we've got to come together and get rid of the politics."

— Student Body President Paul Parker regarding accusations from members of the CGC that his executive appointments had been inequitable, showed ignorance and a lack of effort to be informed.

Sports

"I've never used drugs and never will. Believe me, please believe me, I have never been involved with drugs."

— Atlanta Braves pitcher Pascual Perez, maintaining his innocence after returning to the United States following his conviction in the Dominican Republic of cocaine possession. Perez received a one-month suspension from commissioner of baseball, Bowie Kuhn.

Etc.

"The Smithsonian Institution called yesterday. They want my eyeballs."

— Democratic Presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale, complaining of campaign fatigue.

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Opinions from The NY Times

Sunday: The mess of the recent mining of Nicaraguan harbors and the controversy it has created drive home the fact that it is time finally to choose an objective for aid to the "contra" cause and to tailor means to ends. The right and realistic message to the Sandinistas is "Live but let live."

Monday: The Reagan administration's "overweening" technologists seem unable to foresee the consequences of their efforts to build a device that would shoot down Soviet satellites.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Reagan administration is attempting to repeal the Title X federal family planning program and make such services a state option under a block grant. Congress should once again stop the maneuver and recognize what the president doesn't: that unwanted pregnancies are a national problem, meriting federal attention and funding.

Tuesday: Members of Congress have recessed for a week to report home about the steps they've taken to reduce the much worried-about federal deficit. What has been done in the way of pledges for deficit reduction and tax increases, however, represents only a "down payment."

Wednesday: The 1979 Greensboro tragedy, in which five members of the Communist Workers Party attending an anti-Ku Klux Klan rally were killed by Nazis and Klansmen, went unresolved this week. Failure of federal prosecution of those involved in the killings marks a setback for this nation's principle of tolerating even the hated ideas. A future accounting is in order.