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## Let the sun shine in?

When the Board of Governors names a successor to UNC President William C. Friday it will do so after a long search process, most of which will probably take place in private conferences. The use of these private meetings to consider candidates for the UNC system presidency is in compliance with North Carolina law and, for mostly practical reasons, it's a good idea.

By no means is this to imply that the BOG or any public body should have the right to exclude the public any time it wants. The public's right to know certainly extends to the activities of public bodies, like the BOG. But in the case of a search process where the private and professional lives of the candidates must be discussed candidly for an effective evaluation, it simply makes good sense to allow the search committee to do its job in an uninhibited atmosphere.

Some argue that such an important decision process as the selection of the president of the UNC system should be open to public scrutiny. But the end result of an open-meeting plan, as explained in a recent issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, is that top candidates tend to stay out of the running. As the article puts it, search committee members often refrain from sharing potentially damaging information about a candidate in public, thus "skewing" the selection process.

Whether a university system con-

ducts its search for a president in the open depends on that state's "sunshine" laws. North Carolina law permits a public body, such as the BOG, to exclude the public "to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character . . . of a (prospective) public officer or employee." However, the final action making the appointment must take place in an open meeting.

As was shown by the recent search for a president of the University of Florida, in which the entire process was conducted in the open and even before television cameras, the open search process is not the most practical means of finding a qualified candidate. The above-mentioned report found that this search produced "virtually no candidates with previous presidential experience."

The truth is that even qualified and thoroughly "clean" candidates might shy away from a public discussion of their private and professional life. Thus, some of the best candidates might be eliminated by an open process before the search committee ever meets.

There are very few instances where we condone the use of closed-door meetings by public bodies, but in the case of personnel matters — like search-committee meetings — the public good is best served by uninhibited evaluations of the most qualified pool of candidates possible.

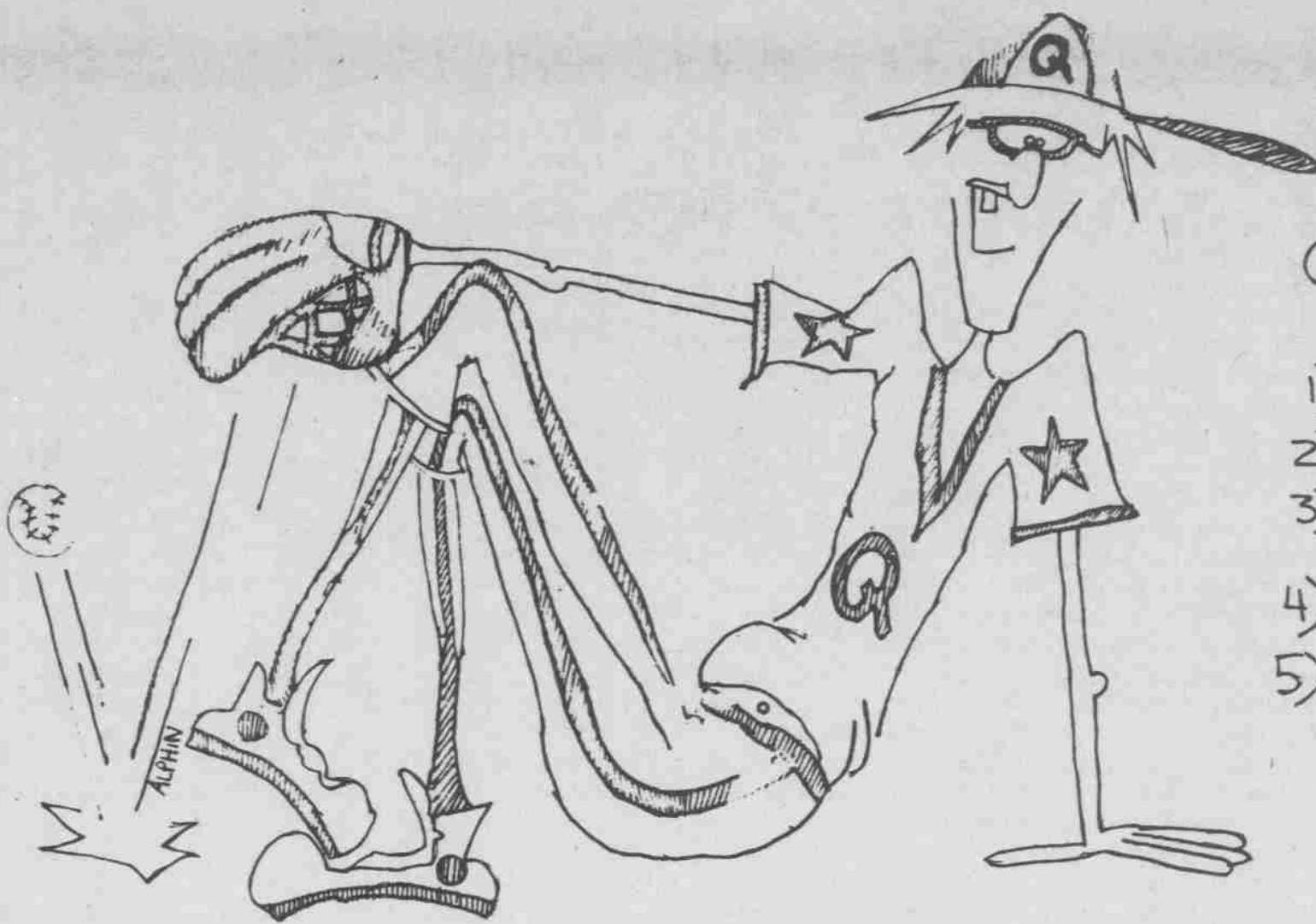
candidates Geraldine Ferraro and George Bush also sport, are a problem, according to Goldstein, because they make people think subconsciously about candidates: "If they're smart enough to run the country, why aren't they smart enough to fix their teeth?"

Reagan's pearly whites aren't perfect, either. His lower teeth are crooked — a condition that leaves some people with the impression that a person bearing such a set is a crook. But with Reagan the condition is not noticeable: it's hidden by his lower lip when he smiles. Reagan critics would probably say it's just one more instance of the Teflon-coated president being able to hide his faults. But then again, there are those who would say Mondale's tooth problem is appropriate for a man who, if elected, will raise taxes and drain the American taxpayer in Dracula-like fashion. And that's the bottom line.

## The Bottom Line

Poor Walter. As if Democratic presidential candidate Mondale didn't have enough to worry about, more news surfaced this week that can serve only to make his image pale further to President Reagan's. This time the problem is not Mondale's voice, which when he gets angry rises to a pitch that is audible only to dogs. Nor is it the sloppy way he looks when he rolls up his sleeves in an effort to appear more accessible and friendly. No, it's Mondale's teeth.

Apparently, in his effort to sink his teeth into the issues of the campaign, Mondale has caused one of his choppers to go awry. It looks like a fang, says Dr. Ronald E. Goldstein, the famous specialist in dental aesthetics who is also known as the Doctor of Smiles. Fangs, which vice presidential



CARRBORO QUICHE EATERS PLAYING CONTRACT:

- 1) NO ROUGH STUFF, FELLAS
- 2) YOGURT AT ALL HOME GAMES
- 3) UNIFORM MUST REMAIN ALL CLEAN AND NIFTY.
- 4) NO PLAYING IN YUCKY ICKY RAIN
- 5) MUST BE HOME BEFORE DARK. (MOM INSISTS.)

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## Yawning through the 'October Classic'

By BOB YOUNG

Well sports fans, it's about that time of year again — playoff time in the ol' major leagues. Baseball returns to prime time. So I think that the time is ripe to scrutinize the sport that is "America's Pastime" and see just how American it really is.

First, we have to define what "American" characteristics are. For the sake of argument, let's say that "American" means rugged, proud, and loyal — with a dash of fair-mindedness. You know, John Wayne. Does baseball characterize such American standards? Not by a long shot.

Let's check the ruggedness of baseball first. You don't have to look any further than the names of the players to see that they lack toughness. Willie Wilson. Doyle Alexander. Dale Murphy. Buddy Bell. Ryne Sandberg. Tell me, would you want guys with names like those to be on your side during a barroom brawl? And how about George Brett? Didn't he sit (or rather stand) out part of the 1980 season with hemorrhoids? Hemorrhoids wouldn't stop Gen. Patton. And rain? Baseball can call it quits for a day if its raining too hard. Are the players going to melt? They're wearing hats for crying out loud.

Pride — another "American" characteristic. If the sport of major league baseball had any pride it would have outlawed the American League West this year. On an individual basis, you have to wonder about some of the players who stick around in the sport until their fifties. Can they be proud of the fact that they are older than their managers? How about the former "big leaguers" who hack around in the minor leagues for a few years before going into public relations jobs or opening up "live bait" shops? Are they

proud of the fact that their careers ended playing for the Triple A team in Stillwater, Okla.?

Americans are also loyal, whether it be to family, job, or car manufacturer. It's a shame that baseball players can't be as loyal. As soon as they leave a team they write books about how bad things were playing with their former teams. That may be nit-picking, but I gave up the idea of loyalty in baseball when Steve Garvey left the Dodgers and Tom Seaver left the Mets, again.

When it comes to being fair, baseball has yet learned how to spell the word, especially in terms of fairness to fans. It's a simple case of economics. It can be stated correctly, but not without some argument, that pitchers have the highest average salaries of any single position on the field. And what do they get paid for? They get paid to make sure that nothing happens. Really! The pitcher is the only player assured that he will touch the ball on any play, but he must initiate any action that is to occur. But his job is to prevent any action from occurring in the first place. Yes, the batter is being paid to initiate action, but he doesn't have eight teammates behind him giving him a helping hand. And who pays the pitcher's salary? The fans. How can anyone rejoice in the fact that he went to a game that was a no-hitter? He just paid to be bored for at least half of the game.

For the above reasons, I feel that baseball has a lot of nerve calling itself the "American Pastime." It may be many things, but it's not cowboys and Indians, God and family, beer and pizza — the stuff that makes America great. Furthermore, I think baseball has a chore just proving it's a sport.

Baseball seems to be more of a recreational activity than a sport. Sport means instant action and strenuous physical exertion. Is that baseball? Let's look at a typical one minute segment of a game and see.

... Jones steps up to the plate. He flew out

a signal, but doesn't like it . . . He gets a pitch he likes, winds up, and it's hit . . . another foul ball."

And how strenuous is an activity if the players chew tobacco while the game is in progress? Football players can't chew tobacco, it would stain their mouth-pieces. And I bet that "wad" looks great oozing all over the artificial turf. Well, I guess some real, non-baseball athletes get away with chewing tobacco during their activities, like Harry Gant in the Skoal Bandit, or is that Dale Earnhardt?

Yet, with all of these reasons to chide baseball as un-American and barely a sport, millions of people will tune in to watch the playoffs and the "Fall Classic" itself on the networks in the next few weeks. After all, if Howard Cosell covers it, it must be a sport, right? Just like Battle of the Network Stars. And what's more, most of these people will enjoy what they're watching.

Baseball fans are something else. They can wait a generation and a half just to see their favorite teams win a division pennant and suddenly forget how awful the team was a couple of short years ago. A baseball fan shouldn't be treated with contempt, however, but with pity. He honestly likes the sport and willingly memorizes his teams stats for the last decade. These people are akin to those who think that the Stray Cats put out quality music — they're simply misguided.

So c'mon fans, rethink your sport and switch your attention to something more worthy. I myself used to be a die-hard Yankee fan. (Anyone remember Mel Stottlemyre?) If I can give up baseball, so can you. Boycott the Series. Just pick up a six-pack, a good book (not *The Bronx Zoo*), and wait patiently for college basketball to start again. Let's go Hoyas!

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### What Porto's not telling about the bond issues

To the editor:

Reading the recent *DTH* interview with Mayor Porto of Carrboro, concerning the bond issue on the Franklin Street extension ("Board approves Franklin Street extension, *DTH*, Sept. 27), one would have no knowledge that there are actually two bond issues, not one, to be decided by the voters in November. One of these requests \$1.5 million from Carrboro taxpayers for the specific purpose of repaving roads and constructing bikeways and sidewalks. Students in Carrboro who are concerned about these issues should consider voting for this bond issue.

The Franklin Street extension, on the other hand, is quite a different

matter. It proposes the construction of a new traffic thoroughfare between Chapel Hill and Carrboro, and, although it has a provision for bikelanes, its main purpose has always been to move along the largest possible volume of cars, trucks, and other motor vehicles. It is along this kind of highway, built to absorb the lion's share of rush-hour traffic, that Mayor Porto proposes to build his bikelanes.

Although bikelanes are in the proposal, voters should know that Carrboro is not legally bound to put them there, even if the Franklin Street extension is approved. If a choice has to be made between two bikelanes and an additional traffic lane, voters should decide for

themselves which is likelier to be sacrificed for the other.

The Franklin Street extension, carrying 20,000 vehicles a day, will cut directly across the middle of the present bikepath. How this will be accomplished is not yet clear. In the past, Mayor Porto has suggested that the path will be made into a tunnel at that point. However this is handled, it is clear that the Franklin Street extension will make biking to and from Chapel Hill a far more dangerous and a far less pleasant experience than it is today. If students are concerned, as I am, with the preservation of the present bikepath, one of the nicest things in our community, they will vote "NO" on the \$700,000 Franklin

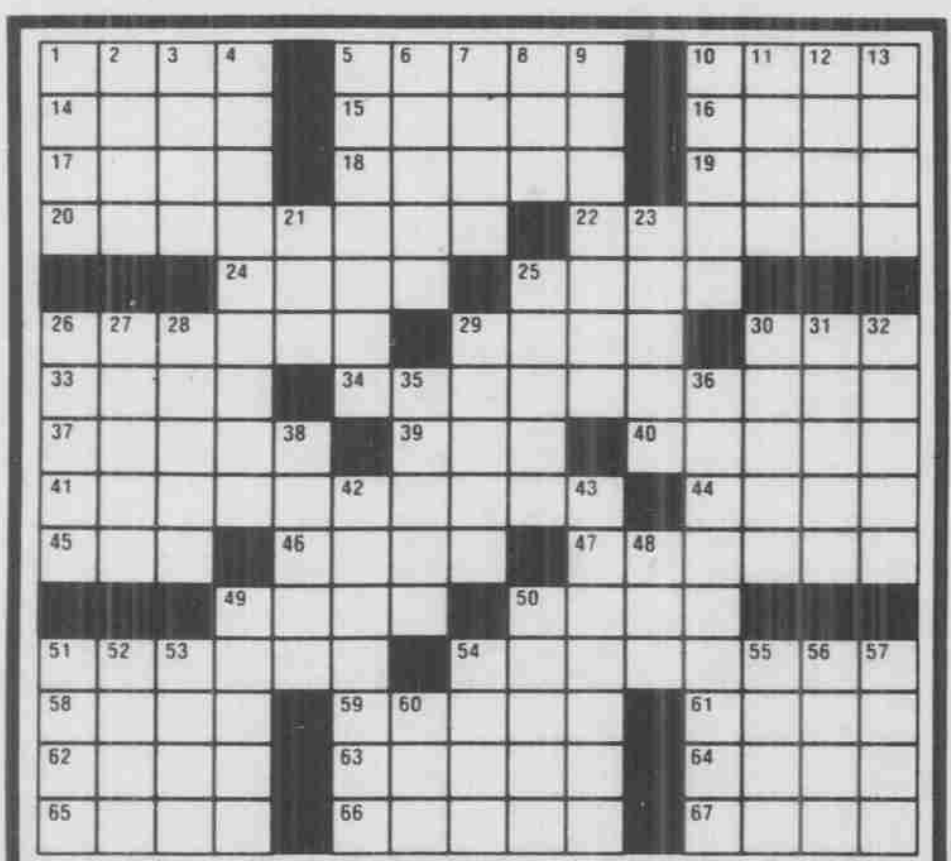
Street extension issue.

It is understandable that Mayor Porto might want to fudge the line between the two bond issues in order to get student votes in November, but it is the *DTH's* responsibility to make the distinction between the two bond issues clear. I have no doubt many Carrboro residents who will vote 'No' to the Franklin Street extension, will also vote 'YES' to the Community Improvements bond issue, the 'other bond issue' which is directly concerned with bikeways, walkways and repaving.

Bill Birken  
Citizens Against the Franklin Street Extension

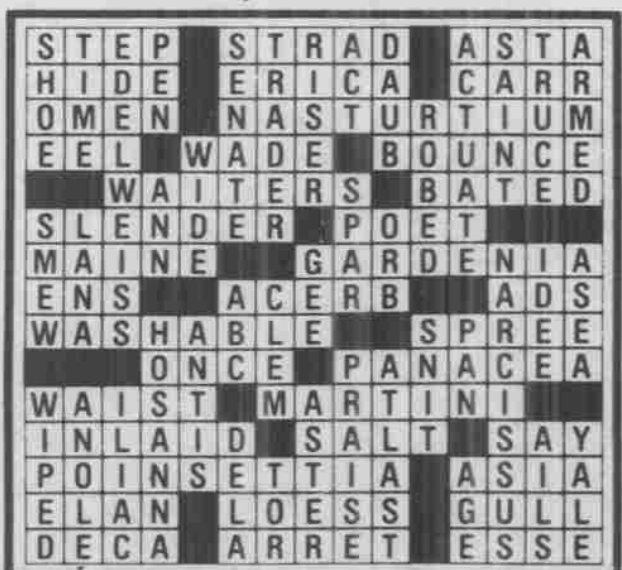
## THE Daily Crossword by Elaine George

- ACROSS**
- 1 Plentiful
  - 5 Circle or bear
  - 10 Chimney stuff
  - 14 Powerful mite
  - 15 City in Portugal
  - 16 Church calendar
  - 17 Word of action
  - 18 Pup and Sibley
  - 19 Animal's resting place
  - 20 Becoming visible
  - 22 Chink
  - 24 Dobbin's dinner
  - 25 Make headway
  - 26 Contaminate
  - 29 Dance of Oahu
  - 30 Take to court
  - 33 Opposite of fragrant
  - 34 Potatoes or catch
  - 37 Canonical hour
  - 39 Hesitatory sounds
  - 40 Norse gods
  - 41 Housing units
  - 44 Social engagement
  - 45 Far: pref.
  - 46 Take a bus
  - 47 Type of bed
  - 49 Containers
  - 50 Prong on silverware
  - 51 Take
  - 54 Change the character of
  - 58 Thickening agent
  - 59 Change and correct
  - 61 Corner
  - 62 Atmosphere
  - 63 Mallet
  - 64 Equal: Fr.
  - 65 Auxiliary verb
  - 66 Lift one's spirit
  - 67 Count (on)
- DOWN**
- 1 Declaim
  - 2 Irrationally
  - 3 Particular
  - 4 Adorn
  - 5 Clothing sizes
  - 6 Baking places
  - 7 Protracted
  - 8 Buchwald
  - 9 Mischievous kids
  - 10 — goose (gannet)
  - 11 Port in Algeria
  - 12 Norse god
  - 13 Extremist
  - 21 Liquid measure: abbr.
  - 23 Lasso
  - 25 Non-member at the club
  - 26 Movie star of the 40s
  - 27 One way to tie the knot
  - 28 Last
  - 29 Lena or Marilyn
  - 30 Mex. fiber
  - 31 Combine
  - 32 Plumed bird
  - 35 Obey
  - 36 Important
  - 38 Divest
  - 42 Numismatic term
  - 43 Spinning wheel rod
  - 48 Miscellaneous
  - 49 Southerner
  - 50 Principle
  - 51 Bedouin
  - 52 Fr. psycho-therapist
  - 53 Heal
  - 54 Hindu deity
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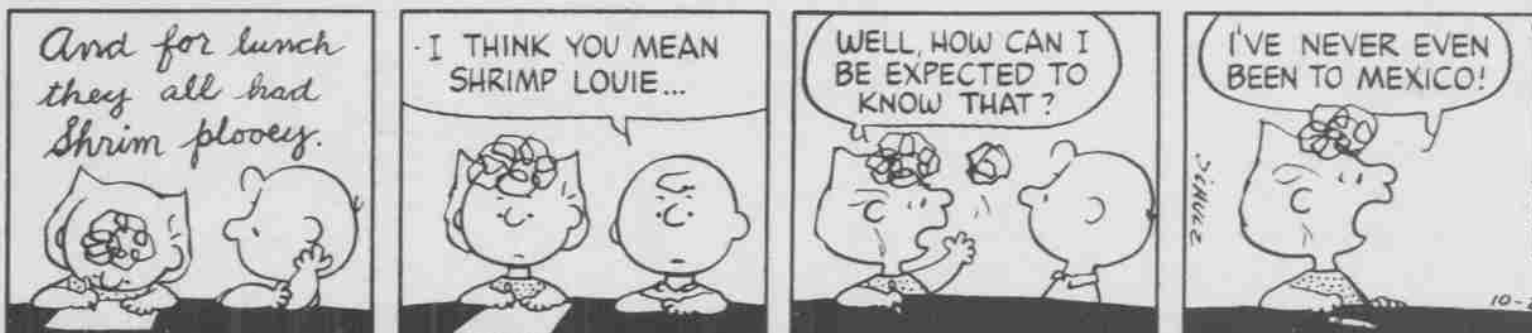
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## Peanuts



## Bloom County



## Doonesbury



## Questionable sources

To the editor:

As a senior journalism major, I find Christopher Sanders' ideas about source credibility and the "liberal media" questionable, if not ludicrous ("Charges of racism won't stick to Helms," *DTH*, Sept. 26).

Sanders claims he is more qualified to make editorial comments concerning Jesse Helms than the average reader of the "liberal media" because he knows the senator personally. For whom do the editorial comments of the president of the North Carolina chapter of Young Americans for Freedom hold credibility? Probably not for the many who value more balanced judgment.

Asking either Sanders or Claude Allen for a character analysis of the good senator seems rather like asking James Watt if Ronald Reagan is a concerned environmentalist.

Tim Little  
Carrboro