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Uncertainty for Philippines...

Turning points in history usually aren't anticipated. Yet we can say with confidence (and concern) that on Friday the Philippines will step into a new and uncertain future. Friday, Philippine voters will go to the polls and choose between President Ferdinand Marcos and challenger Corason Aquino.

Marcos, president since 1965, has ruled the islands since 1972 with an iron fist of autocracy and repression. Not since 1973, when he faced probable defeat at the hands of Benigno Aquino, has Marcos faced such an electoral challenge. Marcos won in 1973 - he cancelled the elections and instituted martial law. Ten years later Aquino, still Marcos' leading opponent, was assassinated, almost certainly at Marcos' order.

Now Marcos faces Aquino's widow. Through dedication to her husband's career of opposition, and then through his martyrdom, Mrs. Aquino has become a sort of national saint. In nine weeks she has been baptized in political fire. First, she successfully united the forces of opposition, enlisting her chief rival, Salvador Laurel, as running mate. Then, through her energetic, populist campaigning, she has made the race a virtual toss-up. Some of Marcos' own supporters predict for their man only a 55-45 decision.

In all likelihood, though, the race will not be decided on the stump, as the country has a tradition rich in intimidation and electoral fraud. As of Friday, the death toll in elections violence stood at 16. Marcos has also given ominous warnings about the

political and economic futures of those who support Aquino too vocally.

Despite the presence of international observers such as U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar - whose freedom to observe he can easily limit - Marcos undoubtedly will tamper with the election returns. Indeed, he has already begun to do so. On the voter registration forms in one Manila district, 616 thumb prints were made by 60 thumbs. 206 voters registered as living at one address.

Not only does Marcos control the electoral executive, he controls the judiciary. If Aquino manages to win, Marcos can simply claim fraud himself and appeal to the National Assembly, which is dominated by his supporters. Still, Marcos cannot cancel these elections. His repression, corruption and constitutional abuses are well chronicled. They have piled on too long for the patience of his countrymen to withstand overly blatant fraud in Friday's elections.

To be sure, Marcos is not without support. He can legitimately point to material gains that he has delivered over the last twenty years. And as an incumbent, he can promise the moon in post-victory spoils.

Yet Marcos is treading through a minefield in these elections. In a sense, he cannot win. If he wins big, no one will believe it. If he wins close, no one will believe it. At the slightest hint, however circumstantial, of subversion of a legitimate Aquino victory, Filipinos will take to the streets.

... for the U.S., diplomacy

The uncertainty of the Philippines' future lies in the nature of the reaction to a Marcos victory, and the nature of the government's response. So long as that country faces a potentially explosive future, the U.S. also faces uncertainty of considerable consequence. The Philippines are the anchor of America's forward line of defense in the Pacific. The U.S. Navy's Seventh Fleet is headquartered at Subic Naval Base. Clark Air Force Base is a logistics and support facility of immense scope.

As long as Marcos rules, the U.S. is fairly secure in its possession of these facilities. However much Marcos may grumble about our presence there, the U.S. has been able to link aid to his government with continued leasing of the property. Yet the longer that American military presence is linked with American support for Marcos, the stronger becomes the association (in the minds of Filipinos) of that presence with Marcos' repressions.

In any scenario, continued association can only spell trouble for U.S. positions in the Pacific. If Marcos "wins" the election, public reaction may become so strident that he feels compelled to step up opposition to U.S. presence as a move to curry public favor.

In the event that Aquino or another moderate opposition leader or comes peaceably to power in the near future - the association may bring about the expulsion of U.S. forces in retaliation for its support of Marcos. Or, Aquino may feel

compelled to expel U.S. forces in order to gain either the support of the public or the backing of divided opposition groups.

In a worst-case scenario, Marcos would hold power and crack down forcefully on public reaction. Such repression might serve to radicalize large numbers of Filipinos and drive them toward armed resistance groups. If Marcos, whose health is very suspect, were to die without providing for a smooth succession, those forces would have the opportunity to seize control in the ensuing confusion.

Thus, the Philippines present the most complex foreign policy issue ever to face the Reagan Administration. The U.S. must distance itself from Marcos enough to gain credibility and the trust of whoever succeeds Marcos. At the same time, it must not alienate Marcos to the point that he throws us out in a fit of pique some point after the election. So far, the U.S. has done as good a job of handling this dilemma. As one diplomat notes, our impartiality is borne out by the fact that "neither side is happy with us."

Marcos may be unhappy with lukewarm U.S. support. But Marcos' days are numbered, and we must start making diplomatic provisions for the day when forces other than Marcos decide the fate of Clark and Subic.

— EDWIN FOUNTAIN

Give me a ring sometime, baby

By KIM GILLO

The advent of women's liberation has produced some profound changes in social interaction between the sexes. Many of these changes have been very good. But speaking as a young woman with some experience in the matter, I must say that there have been some problems. I would like to focus on one of these problems in particular: the problem of engagement rings.

"Engagement rings?" you say. "They've never been a problem."

No, quite the opposite: They've always been a major aid with regard to social relations. The problem is that men do not wear them.

Many years ago, when the tradition of wearing engagement rings first began, a woman - at least not a respectable one - never would have thought of "making the move" on a man. Rather, the men were the ones who made the passes.

However, an engagement ring on the left ring finger of a female was a sign that she was "taken." In other words, she would not (hopefully) be receptive to a man's advances. Thus, a man knew when to leave well enough alone.

This system worked well for a long time. But times have changed. Now women are beginning to make the first move toward men with much greater frequency. This is all well and good, but what happens when a young woman attempts to initiate relations with an eligible-looking young man who, unbeknownst to her, happens to be engaged. The scene usually goes something like this:

She: "Hi! You look kind of familiar . . . Do you come here often?"

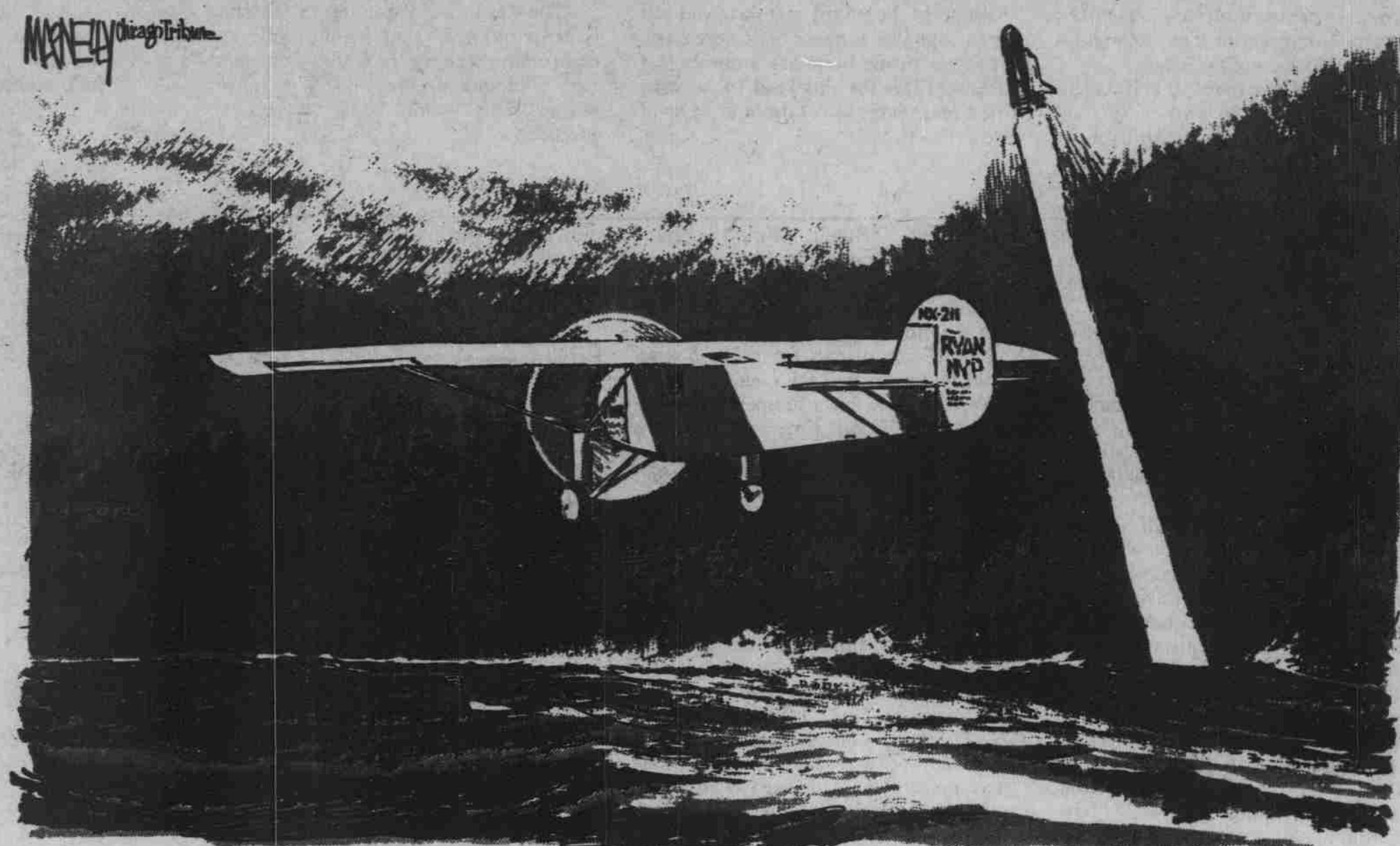
He: "Well, yes, I do, but I'm usually here with my fiancée."

At this point, the girl's friendly smile fades a bit, she manages a few more words, and then

she quickly disappears. Needless to say, this can be acutely embarrassing. Here in the college scene, where there are more females than males and also where many people are already engaged, similar scenes probably take place rather often. What is to be done?

Well, we could insist that engaged men not go out in public, especially to bars, without their fiancées. However, that seems much too radical, and very inconvenient as well. Maybe all engaged men should be issued a pin, to be worn at all times in a highly visible place, embossed with "Engaged" or perhaps "Taken." But that, too, seems a little ridiculous. No, instead, I believe we should institute a new tradition: Engaged men, as well as engaged women, should wear engagement rings.

Kim Gillo is a sophomore international studies major from Greensboro.



PATHFINDERS

READER FORUM

Buddy system sorry

To the editors:

Once again I am dismayed, disappointed and damned angry that the system has won again. What am I talking about? Well, as you already know, the Carolina Athletic Association has come up with a better system of ticket distribution that sought to be not only reasonable, but also fair to all students. I had really thought this new system would work, but it seems that even "random distribution" has its flaws.

On Monday morning, I went to Carmichael to pick up tickets for the Wake Forest game. I was not especially hurried because I knew people would not be lined up for miles and miles, but instead, they would later shuffle down. With the new system going into effect, there was no need to hurry. As the attendant took my athletic passes, I noticed the four or five stacks of tickets neatly arranged inside the ticket window. Upon closer inspection, I noticed that most all of the smaller stacks were rows F, G and I lower-level tickets. I could feel the excitement rising in me as I thought

of seeing the game within only a few feet of my favorite players. But much to my amazement, the attendant did not feel the same way. He overlooked all of the tickets I had my heart set on and instead chose to give me upper-level row T seats. Because I did not understand his choice, I asked him, "Excuse me, but isn't there some way that I could get those tickets instead?" His reply, "I am saving those for some of my buddies who should be here after a while. Sorry."

Sorry was certainly the right word, because that is exactly what I was thinking of the system. Perhaps if I had been one of his "buddies," I, too, would have had one of the saved seats; however, it came as no great shock to me that even something as simple as giving out tickets would not provide equal opportunity for all students. And to think that for upper level row T seats, I was almost tardy for my 9 o'clock class!

LaTonya Broome
Cobb

Rudeness not typical

To the editors:

Living in the midwest I am appalled and ashamed at the behavior of our next door neighbors in Wisconsin that was displayed on national television Jan. 19 when the University of North Carolina played Marquette University. I know many people in North Carolina heard the Marquette student body screaming "bullshit, bullshit, bullshit..." when a referee called a foul on a Marquette player early in the game. A replay showed the player indeed committed a foul. It was even more shameful when the Marquette student body threw debris at the North Carolina bench late in the

game and struck Coach Dean Smith.

I would like the student body at the University of North Carolina to know that the students in the midwest are not typical of the animals at Marquette University. I am a student at the University of Minnesota and have never seen students display that kind of sickening behavior. The referees were gutless not to call a technical foul on the crowd. I do not believe that North Carolina should ever schedule a game at Marquette again.

Thomas Westbury
Chapel Hill

More statistics needed

To the editors:

I commend you for deeming the academic status of minority students on the Carolina campus a worthy subject for an article in the *Daily Tar Heel* (Jan. 29, 1986). I am, however, concerned that the presentation of limited statistics, without a point of reference will lead readers to make false conclusions concerning the academics of Black and Native American students on this campus. For example, presentation of the attrition rate of Black freshmen students in the fall and spring semesters last year without noting the attrition of all freshmen students really tells us nothing. Likewise, noting that in the fall of 1985, 50 percent of minority freshmen had a GPA below a 2.0 compared to 60% of this year does not (as noted) tell us whether this change is significant. Neither does it tell us the standing of minority students in comparison to the freshman class as a whole.

I also wonder how Dean Renwick has determined that "poor time management" and "poor study habits" are the cause of minority students' academic difficulties. (Many previous studies have demonstrated disparities between quality of education and college preparation received in public vs. private, city vs. suburban vs. rural high schools which, depending on a student's background could be factors in a student's ability to achieve in an academic environment such as that at Carolina.)

I hope that the University continues its efforts in support of minority students on this campus. I also hope that future articles on this subject will provide a more thorough and wider ranging consideration of the plight of minority freshmen at Carolina.

Wendy E. Phillips
Graduate Student

A tongue lashing

To the editors:

Never before has anything shocked, saddened, and disgusted me the way the behavior of the anti-FDN 'protestors' did Wednesday night. I had no inkling that such denizens infested this institution. To these wretched creatures I say: Your

hypocrisy and deceit are manifest. Your ruffian tactics are exposed. You have defiled and despoiled the principles of this nation. You have shamed this University. You have shamed yourselves. I pity you.

Jeff A. Taylor
Chapel Hill

Respec'ful neighbors

To the editors:

The Cavalier basketball victory over Carolina brings to mind Winston Churchill's saying: "Magnanimous in victory, generous in defeat."

It was with profound satisfaction that we two lone and forlorn UVa alumni (currently exiled in grad school here at UNC) participated in the great basketball experience of Jan. 30, 1986.

Together from a shared barstool we witnessed the Wahoo victory on the large tele screen at the "Four Corners" drinking establishment. Our enthusiastic shouts of WAHOO-WA were met with curious stares.

We were both shocked and gladdened by the Cavalier perfor-

mance at the Terry Dome (a.k.a. University Hall). But to be fair, we were impressed by the good sportsmanship displayed by the Tar Heel horde among which we found ourselves trapped.

We look forward with keen anticipation to the return match at the Dean Dome in February. There we will heartily toast the Tar Heel Wahoo tip-off with a full decanter of Virginia Gentlemen.

And should Virginia come up short in this contest, we hope to equal if not surpass the good sportsmanship of our Carolina brethren.

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K. R. Temple
(U.Va. B.A., J.D. 1981)

Hate to burst the bubble

To the editors:

Dear Coach Smith:

It is quite apparent that the new basketball facility has allowed more students to attend varsity basketball games, and more apparent is the fact that many of these students have never attended a game here in Chapel Hill. The tradition that you, your teams and previous spectators had so strongly established at Carmichael has somehow been lost. A minority of the spectators (although with each home game, I'm sure the numbers will grow) are taking it on themselves to inaugurate cheering practices that have never been a part of Carolina basketball. Never at Carmichael did an audience wave their hands behind the baskets as an opponent was shooting a free throw, nor did

they ever raise their voices to chant "Airball," nor did they ever point at an opposing player who had just committed a foul and scream: "You! You! You!"

During such a tremendous year that has brought the opening of a fantastic facility and an excellent record, I hate to have to point out this failing enthusiasm. Watching the four games at the Dean E. Smith Student Activities Center, I was greatly disturbed by the spectators' lack of respect for our opponents. I'm sure you will agree that some changes need to be made quickly, before our beloved SAC begins to sound like Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Benjamin G. Wysor
Chapel Hill

You did it, CAA!

To the editors:

I want to commend Mark Pavao and the Carolina Athletic Association as well as any student who contributed to the new process of distributing basketball game tickets. On Sunday, the ticket distribution for the Carolina-Wake Forest game ran more smoothly than any I have been to in my two-and-a-half years here at UNC. I walked into Carmichael Auditorium at 8:00 Sunday morning and I had received my tickets by 8:30. In addition, I was able to get seats on the first level of the SAC for the first time. This new plan for ticket distribution -

giving out all seats randomly and allowing only one student to go up and get 4 tickets at a time - is by far the most efficient way to handle ticket distribution and it most definitely should be continued from here on out. Thanks to the new procedure for distributing tickets, perhaps we students will no longer have to camp out in order to get our hands on the highly sought-after seats in the SAC. CAA, keep up the good work!

Allison Elizabeth Sapp
Chapel Hill

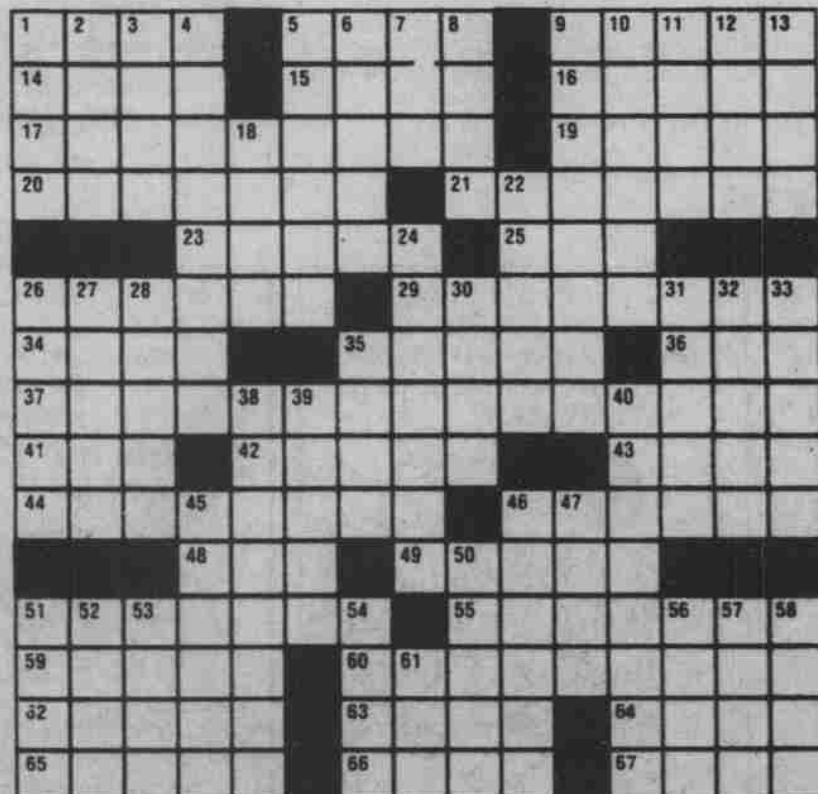
THE Daily Crossword by Elaine George

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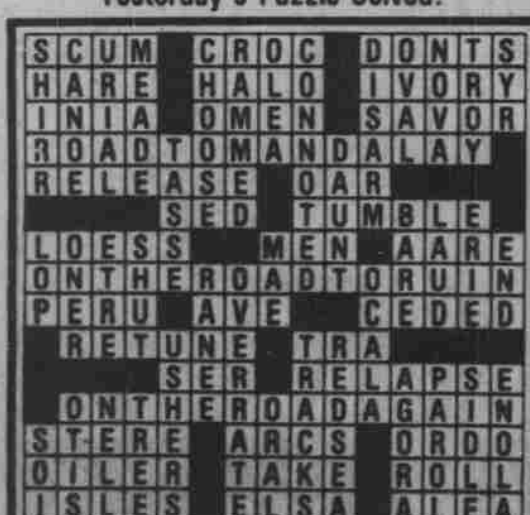
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



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