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## Editorials

### UNC needs senior honor dorm

Gillian Cell has a good idea. One worth listening to.

The dean of the College of Arts and Sciences wants to set aside dorms for outstanding seniors. The concept is to reward and honor those seniors with a GPA of 2.75 or better who are active in campus organizations.

It's about time this concept reached UNC. Other universities have been reserving rooms for its outstanding seniors. For example, since the 1950s, the University of Virginia has been housing outstanding seniors in the rooms lining the prestigious Lawn, which was designed by Thomas Jefferson and opened in 1825.

On the same line of thought, Old

East would be an appropriate dormitory for housing outstanding UNC seniors. The 193-year-old dorm is, in a traditional sense, the embodiment of UNC, the nation's first state university. It is an enduring symbol of North Carolina's commitment to public higher education. Besides its status as an historical landmark, Old East is indicative of the kind of money, vision and hard work that built UNC and pervades the UNC system.

After all, what better way to show off our national historic landmark than by housing students who share and display the same beliefs as the people who helped to build this institution.

### A new low in Soviet mischief

In an underhanded act of gambling, the Soviet Union arrested an American journalist Saturday on charges of espionage. Much more alarming is that the gamble might pay off.

The case against the U.S. News and World Report correspondent, Nicholas Daniloff, is far from air tight. The KGB, the Soviet Union's state security agency, arrested Daniloff on the belief that he was holding classified information. When the KGB agents later opened an envelope Daniloff was carrying, they apparently discovered classified information concerning Soviet military installations and troop concentrations. What is questionable about the KGB's case is how Daniloff acquired this classified information.

Daniloff maintains that the envelope was a gift from a friend named Misha, whom he had known for four years. Misha told him that the packet contained newspaper clippings from Misha's hometown, Daniloff said. Seemingly strangely anxious, Misha took a hurried leave just before the KGB closed in. There is still no verification as to whether Misha has been arrested as Daniloff's accomplice or has been rewarded for cooperating with the KGB.

To add even more suspicion to the story, a Columbia University professor says the KGB has been trying to frame Daniloff for at least two years. Alexander Goldfarb says that his father, David, a genetics professor in Moscow, was asked in 1984 to pass secret documents to Daniloff as part of a sting operation. David Goldfarb refused and was subsequently denied permission to join his son in the United States.

The Soviets have said that Daniloff will be held for at least 10 days while

the investigation continues. But under Soviet law, Daniloff can be held for one year before charges are declared. This has never been done with an American, especially during a time of edgy arms control negotiations and summit planning. The usual Soviet response is to promptly expel the espionage suspect amid a flurry of press coverage.

The possible repercussions of the arrest make the Soviets' move a dangerous one, yet it might bring them some advantage. Daniloff's jailing comes just one week after the arrest in New York of Gennadi Zakharov, an employee of the Soviet United Nations Secretariat. Zakharov was arrested after allegedly paying a defense subcontractor employee \$1,000 for classified information about a U.S. Air Force jet.

The State Department is making every effort to secure Daniloff's release, including considering the idea of trading Zakharov for Daniloff, which might be what the Soviets had in mind all along. The trade being considered would entail dismissing the case against Daniloff in exchange for releasing Zakharov on bail into the care of the Soviet ambassador to the United States. Zakharov would still be tried, and could receive a life sentence if convicted. Meanwhile, Daniloff would be in the clear.

Both the Soviet Union and the United States stand to gain much from summit meetings and a resumption of arms control negotiations. Although trading Zakharov's release for Daniloff's freedom is not the most palatable concept, it could be necessary to secure a less competitive U.S.-Soviet relationship.

### Barbie, meet Mr. and Mrs. Hart

Flash: Barbie is not repeat, not pregnant, as many have been led to believe in the wake of the recent release of a Barbie-like figurine that is indeed with child.

The confusion started when Mattel, maker of Barbie, rolled "Mrs. Heart" off the molds last month. Although modeled after Barbie, Mrs. Heart (no first name) differs considerably from the ever-popular doll, who's been going steady with fellow figurine Ken and riding her camper van for nearly two decades. (Or, if she's in an adventurous mood, flying the Friendly Skies in her customized, one-wing jetliner with a cutaway view.)

Mrs. Heart, on the other hand, prefers the domestic life.

In addition to Mrs. Heart and husband Mr. Heart (natch), the Heart Family New Arrival set comes complete with a birth certificate, a camera to snap baby's picture with and flowers, which Mattel hopes hubby will present to snookums during her post-birth recuperation.

For those who can't wait to see the Hearts' child, Mattel provides a clever shortcut. Just remove Mrs. Heart's bulge-bearing smock and she's ready for the tennis court (though she's probably too timid for the one-wing cutaway jet). The Heart family set also

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includes a tiny newborn, which, one suspects, will be up and walking before long, enduring the incessant bear hugs of relatives.

If you're still losing sleep worrying about Barbie's status as an ingenue, heed the words of Kathy Harrison, Mattel marketing director: "Barbie, as we all know, has always been single, and always will be, and will never have a baby." Nuff said.

#### On a related matter . . .

The Hearts, lest they go through life with an incomplete wedding certificate, need first names. Ditto for the infant. So, please indicate your preference from the list of nominees below and drop your selections in the letters to the editor box. We'll report the most popular choices, of course, and we'll send the final tally to Mattel.

**For Mrs. Heart:** Bella, Emmy Lou, Gertrude, Catherine de Medicis, Golda, Imelda Sue, Amelia Sue, Bertha.

**For Mr. Heart:** Litchfield, Orson, Spurgeon, Spiro, Bartholomew, Giambattista.

**For baby:** Lil' Brat, Freeloader, Tax Deduction, Whiner.

## Tar Heel Forum

### Canada's culture unique, says native

This is the first in a series on Canada.

**Brien Lewis**  
 Guest Writer

No, we don't all speak French. We don't drive on the left side of the road. And we don't have snow all the time. What we do have is a shared border (the longest undefended one on the planet) and a very important social, economic and political relationship with the United States.

"We" are Canada, your northern neighbor, major trading partner and ally. Why is this massive superpower known as America, with all its great minds and technology, so ignorant about us? What are the differences between two countries so closely linked? Why are some Canadians determined to keep the United States at arm's length, while others want to get even closer? I don't expect to even approach a full answer to any of these questions, but I hope that in giving one viewpoint, I can correct a few misconceptions and stimulate your interest in Canada and the Canadian people.

Our art and literature are not filled with a celebration of something akin to the "American Dream," but attempt to capture the lifestyle or culture of a group like the Native People or the Quebecois. The cultural industry in Canada is not a huge one and some say we don't need one, because America produces enough to go around. While it is true that American films, records and TV shows are massively consumed north of the border, we remain fiercely proud of the work and talent we have produced, and the arts in Canada are strongly nationalistic. I was very pleased to see Margaret Atwood's latest novel on display in the window of the Hardback Bookstore in Chapel Hill last spring, but I wonder if she is read or studied widely here and if it is well known that she is Canadian.

There are many Canadians who have brought their talents to Hollywood and New

York, but how aware of this is the American public? I'll bet you didn't know that Captain Kirk, Lois Lane and even Alex P. Keaton were born and trained in Canada. One of "the most trusted men in America" is none other than ABC News anchorman Peter Jennings, a former Canadian broadcaster and native of Ottawa, Ontario. Many of the comic geniuses who brought you SCTV and Saturday Night Live hail from The Great White North (but we really do not talk like Bob and Doug Mackenzie, so just take off, eh?)

So Canadians are down here running your movies and networks and all that, but America is still blissfully in the dark about us. Not a single person I've met here can tell me the name of Canada's prime minister (Brian Mulroney) but don't feel bad; even a U.S. Senator didn't know him. The Davis Library only carries one Canadian paper, albeit a good one, and your stores do not carry any of our magazines, whereas one can easily find just about every U.S. publication in Canada. Is the United States simply so big that it does not notice "little" countries? We are hardly tiny geographically, and for a nation of 25 million people, we are fairly influential internationally, yet Canada makes the network news with much less frequency than one would think. I find that most Americans know more about Israel than Canada — and many Canadians are quite happy to keep it that way, figuring that if Americans knew all about us, our customs officials could never deal with the flood of immigrants that would ensue.

Why would an American want to live in

Canada? I am heavily biased, of course, and I don't intend to insult anyone, but for example, I believe that one can live in a major Canadian city and get the benefits of urban life without paying the price that one does in an American metropolis, and I am not referring to the value of real estate. American friends and relatives are amazed at the difference in daily life in Toronto and Buffalo because only a lake and an invisible line separate them. With apologies for generalizing, Canada is simply cleaner than the United States. (Our subways have only one coat of paint — the original.) Canada is also safer, for even if our population is multiplied to equal that of the United States, the rate of gun-related deaths is much lower.

I realize that I must be sounding like a Canadian tourist agent, but it just threw me off balance to hear girls in peaceful Chapel Hill organizing their lives so that someone could walk them home. It is simply one thing I never had to consider before, and it made me consider the basic differences in our personalities.

I have heard "Canadian" defined as "a person who will apologize if someone steps on his foot." While this is rather unfair, when it is compared to the American God-Guns-and-Guts/Rags-to-Riches stereotypes, one can see a basis for the differing styles of life we lead despite our wide common ground.

It is fascinating to see such a difference between two countries that have "grown up" together in a remarkably peaceful co-existence. Still, it worries me that the United States knows so little of us. If, with this proximity and free exchange of information, America is so unaware of Canada, what must the real Soviet Union be like?

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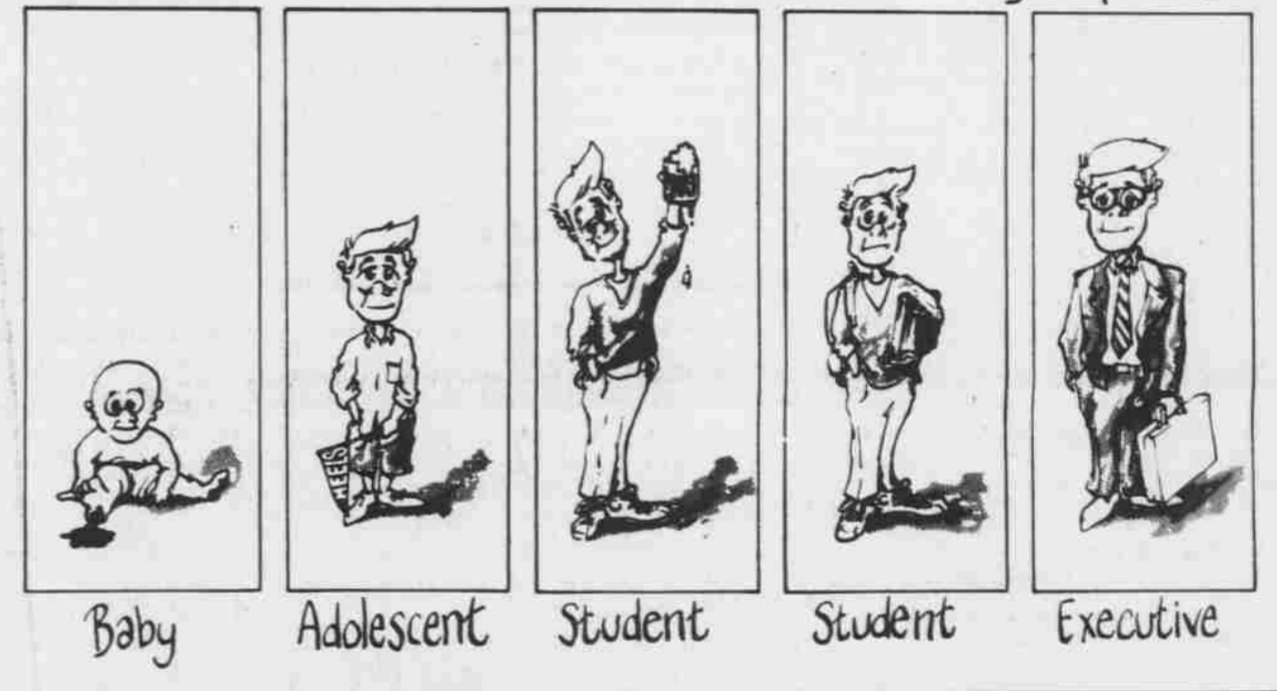
A big thank you is in order. On Aug. 22, the hospital contacted APO's bloodmobile coordinator Sigi Helling. There was a shortage of blood. On Aug. 27, APO sponsored an emergency bloodmobile and the UNC campus came out to help. The bloodmobile was a huge success, with 249 pints of blood donated. People waited up to three hours to donate. They could have picked up their bags and left (as some did out of necessity), but those who could stay didn't give up. I have never seen such a turnout at a UNC campus bloodmobile. The students and faculty really outdid themselves this time.

To those who did not give on Wednesday, please do not be discouraged by the enormous amount of people and the long wait at Wednesday's bloodmobile. In the future we will be better able to predict the number of donors and will be sure to have a larger nursing staff on hand. The next bloodmobile will be on Sept. 23. Please plan to give blood if you are eligible. Wednesday's bloodmobile was a great help to the blood shortage, but there still is a tremendous need. Again, to those who gave blood on Wednesday or have given in the past, thank you for giving the gift of life.

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### The Evolution of a "Tarheel"

By Trip Park



## Letters

### Letters policy

The Daily Tar Heel welcomes reader comment. For purposes of style and clarity, we ask that you observe the following guidelines for letters to the editor and columns:

■ All letters/columns must be signed by the author(s). Limit of two signatures per letter or

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■ Students who submit letters/columns should also include their year in school, major and phone number. Professors should include their phone number, title and department.

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Please deliver letters/columns to the letters box located in front of the Daily Tar Heel's main entrance (on the first floor of the Student Union annex). Deadline is noon for publication in the following day's paper.

### U.S. taking totalitarian direction

Having just returned to the United States after a year in France, I am terribly dismayed by the new loss of personal freedom I have encountered in the country of my birth. The government of the United States has decided that it is not enough simply to provide for the national defense, to regulate commerce, and to ensure law and order. Big Brother is here to tell me what I may and may not do. Here are some examples of this dangerous trend, all of which have been greeted with a surprising amount of apathy by the general populace.

I may no longer go for a leisurely ride without my safety belt. It has been decided for me that this is too dangerous, regardless of the fact that my not wearing a seat belt endangers no one but myself. The truth of the matter is that the government is more concerned with increasing insurance claims than with preserving the freedoms of its citizens.

I also may not, if I am under 21 years of age, ingest any amount of alcohol, regardless of the fact that I voted in the last presidential election, may be a former soldier or can be tried as an adult in any state of the union. Along with this brilliant new piece of legislation, we have such "just" penalties as \$2,000 fines and prison sentences for certain types of alcohol-related offenses. Hopefully, these inordinate penalties are only scare tactics, because they are in no way commensurate with the offenses.

Since students under 21 will be unable to legally drink, perhaps they will choose to spend more of their time in an amorous fashion. Everyone knows that two willing adult partners have the right to fulfill their sexual desires in a manner that they see fit, in the privacy of their own home. Be careful, North Carolina has a crime against nature

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law. There just may be a police officer peering in the window, ready to haul you off to jail for sodomy.

In spite of all this depressing news, we still have the great bastion of indifference, the American workplace. In our free society we all know that all that matters is the net result. As long as I do my job well, no one is interested in what I do in my spare time. Maybe not. Led by President Reagan, there is a growing push for mandatory drug testing. It does not seem to matter whether someone has been doing his job successfully or not. If that urine sample turns up with any trace of illegal drugs, too bad. Of course many companies will give you the chance to undergo drug rehabilitation. What if you are a moderate user whose drug use in no way interferes with your work, but test positive for marijuana, and do not wish to undergo rehabilitation to cure yourself of a non-existent problem? Your friend, however, a chronic alcoholic who would not think of touching illegal drugs, finds himself in better shape with his employer.

Each personal freedom we lose brings us one step closer to totalitarianism. I in no way wish to imply that we are close to totalitarianism, but I also wish to remind you that Hitler rose to power through democratic means. The Big-Brother model of government is quite popular in the communist nations where superintelligent governments make the decisions for its people, believing they know what is best. I, however, feel quite capable of deciding what is best for me. It is time that our

government remembers the credences of Adam Smith and John Locke we need less government, not more.

We also need to remember that each of our citizens should have the right to do anything he wants, as long as the exercise of this right does not infringe on the rights of his fellow citizens. When will the government and its pathetic police force concentrate on apprehending murderers, rapists, spouse- and child-beaters and thieves, and leave 18-year-old drinkers, moderate drug users and people who drive 60 mph alone?

Freedom is in no way a partisan issue. The Daily Tar Heel fell all over itself trying to blame the new alcohol laws on the Reagan administration. Let us not forget that the N.C. version of the law was put through by a weak-kneed James Hunt looking for anything that might have brought him one more vote. It is time for all, both Republicans and Democrats, to strike back and let the government know that we will no longer stand for infringement on our personal liberty. I implore all those who are perturbed by these new losses of freedom to do something about it. Let your legislators know that they stand to lose your vote. Let's march on Raleigh. If we can march and organize for the rights of those in South Africa and Chile, why is it that we do nothing as our rights go sailing out the window?

Finally, my last piece of advice is to ignore the new laws. If you do not like safety belts, do not wear them. If you like to drink, get someone else to purchase alcohol for you. If you are asked to undergo drug testing, borrow a urine sample from a friend. But by no means give in.

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