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Editorials

Someone had a dream

At noon on Friday, a crowd of 250 students, most of whom were black, reached from the Pit to the Undergraduate Library. Students walking to and from class had to squeeze their way through the unexpected congestion. As speakers were bellowing out instructions for the march on South Building, some white onlookers sat around, watching curiously, smirking or mumbling about the rally's futility and the inconvenience it was causing.

But perturbed spectators did not realize that this annoyance may have marked a turning point for blacks at UNC. Over the past few years, black students have found themselves retreating from non-black organizations. As a result of enthusiasm drummed up at the rally, they may soon extend their influence back into spheres of the University lacking black representation.

While the rally's goal was to mobilize blacks for minority recruitment and the anti-apartheid movement, the demonstrators urged students to use

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groups such as the Black Student Movement and Black Women United as springboards into non-black organizations and issues.

Before the rally, newly-elected BSM president Kenny Perry said the event would not only be for blacks, but for members of other groups as well.

Yet white students were poorly represented. Apparently, they did not see the need to back the idea of a diverse — yet unified — university. For most, marching hand-in-hand with an Omega while chanting about black pride probably seemed inappropriate and irrelevant to their own needs.

For the few whites who did demonstrate, their participation was appropriate. Not only did it give black activism a wider base of support, it showed that there are whites at the University who realize that racial issues affect all students.

Students who support those with needs different from their own ultimately contribute to the gradual eradication of racism across the nation.

Reagan bugged by Soviets

The seduction, espionage and high-tech eavesdropping of the Moscow embassy spy scandal could be the ingredients of a James Bond movie. But this scandal is not fiction, and because the Reagan administration ignored warnings from a government watchdog agency two years ago, about Soviet spies in the embassy, the amount of damage to U.S. security could be staggering.

The issue gained national attention last week when two U.S. Marine embassy guards were arrested and charged with espionage. They were seduced by KGB agents — Soviet women working on embassy grounds — who convinced the guards to let them enter the embassy communications center and other classified areas in 1986.

Once inside these areas, the KGB agents could have planted sophisticated bugs to pick up signals from computer and electric typewriter cords.

Now, U.S. security experts are wondering how much damage the incidents have caused and what can be done to prevent them. But it is impossible to determine how much the Soviets learned without a full investigation, which could take months.

The administration is also faced with security breaches in its new

Moscow embassy, under construction since 1972 and scheduled for completion by 1989. Officials fear that the embassy may already be equipped with Soviet bugs embedded in the building's steel beams. Some congressmen and intelligence officials say this is reason to tear the building down and start over again, although \$190 million has been spent on it already. It originally was to have been finished in 1983, at a cost of \$90 million. And officials now say the security flaws could be fixed for another \$20 million to \$40 million.

The administration has two unappealing alternatives: leaving its embassy staff in the scandal-ridden U.S. embassy, or moving into the new facility, which already may be under more Soviet surveillance than the old embassy next door.

The Reagan administration should address the problem of inadequate embassy security. If officials had heeded warnings in 1985 that the embassy was vulnerable to Soviet spies, they would not be threatened with monumental damage to U.S. security today. And maybe U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz wouldn't have to resort to making his phone calls to Washington from a trailer when he travels to Moscow for arms control talks next week. — L.D.

non sequitur

Stay forever young at the ballpark

Spring's in the air. The Tar Heels have done their East regional crash landing again, and that can mean only one thing. Opening Day, Monday, in ballparks across the country. Major League Baseball commenced its 1987 season.

As an anxious world awaits the outcome of Amy Carter's disorderly conduct trial, non sequitarians took to the ballpark, braving the frigid weather.

Baseball has always had its share of non sequitarians. Guys like Mickey Rivers, ex-New York Yankee centerfielder, and comic foil to Mr. October, Reggie Jackson. When told by New York sportswriters that Jackson claimed to have an IQ of 160, Rivers retorted, "Out of what, man, a thousand?"

Another ex-Yankee, Yogi Berra, has contributed countless non sequiturs to the baseball world. Two of the better ones include: "If the people don't want to come to the ballpark, there's no way you can stop them," and "Baseball is 90 percent pitching and half hitting."

Of course, the big news from spring training is the owners' attempt to bring down player salaries by refusing to sign several big-name free agents. One of the best quotes on the whole matter comes from Texas Rangers' general manager Tom

Grieve, who passed up a chance to sign off-injured Atlanta first baseman Bob Horner. Horner had called a \$4.5 million offer from Atlanta "embarrassing." "I didn't want to add to his embarrassment," said Grieve.

Of course, no compendium of baseball wisdom would be complete without some words from Satchel Paige, the greatest pitcher of all time. Paige played for years in the Negro Leagues, the victim of baseball's color barrier. Paige finally made the majors in the late 1940s and early 1950s, at a time when he was in late middle age. The wizened Paige attributed his longevity to his rules for staying young, which are reprinted here for the reader's edification:

How to Stay Young

1. Avoid fried meats which angry up the blood.
2. If your stomach disputes you, lie down and pacify it with cool thoughts.
3. Keep the juices flowing by jangling around gently as you move.
4. Go very light on the vices, such as carrying on in society. The social ramble ain't restful.
5. Avoid running at all times.
6. Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you.

Readers' Forum

Keep off the grass — what's left of it

Andy Briggs
 Guest Writer

It is difficult to determine whether a road or pathway's presence justifies its existence. To a large extent, the justification lies in people's willingness to use the route; paths, once formed, grow wider through use, soon becoming permanent. In the battle of campus Redbrick versus campus Green, the simple truth is that new paths invite fixed fortifications of brick.

It is hard to appreciate the former beauty of an object whose better condition one has never seen. Freshmen or sophomores might not hesitate to trod across the well-established dirt path which runs from Murphy Hall toward Saunders, for example. They might not think that they contribute to the barrenness of campus grounds. They might not realize that grass once thrived there, because certain juniors and seniors had driven the grass back in years before.

No one person or class is to blame for the gradual and steady deterioration of campus lawns. But it is likely that most of us do either cut corners now and again or make use of direct, off-walkway paths in order to save our precious time. However, it is sensible to make use of our extensive walkways, even though they cannot cover

every desired angle. Cutting corners or slicing angled ruts in our greenest lawns will not get you to class noticeably quicker.

The case of Redbricks vs. Grass is also an important reflection of our collective attitude. In a university of thousands, it is a rare individual who recognizes his or her personal responsibility to such a large student body and campus. In our process of learning to live and cooperate with others, which do we perceive as more pressing? The immediate ease of today, or the condition of our environs tomorrow?

We might do well to save a second here and a step or two there. But if the grass is ours to use and enjoy, why not conserve it as a place to sit and rest in the sun on a pleasant day? And why not leave it in fine condition for the freshman classes who inevitably follow in our footsteps? Using the lawns for mere transportation may work, but it also wastes.

Even in the declining condition in which the lawns are today, our campus is one of striking beauty, especially to newcomers. We can take the responsibility of keeping our bicycles and bootheels on the sidewalks, or we can continue to watch the dirt push through instead of green spring shoots; we should either kindly and dutifully remind one another to please use the walkways, or we must get used to a campus bricked-over like the Pit. Imagine, if you dare, a UNC that visitors compare to State, where the bricks have won major battles. We have a choice about it today. Clear, dirt pathways may have cut across our lawns, but that does not justify their existence. If we ignore the urge to tread over these unnecessary shortcuts, if we resist the impulse to dash over corners, the advance of permanent brickways will stop. With some small effort and a lot of persistence our campus will remain beautiful and green for ourselves, and for future Tar Heels alike.

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Ad insulting to women

To the editor:

I had always thought that a college newspaper was supposed to have some understanding and taste in what is allowed on the pages of their newspaper. I am not arguing educational content here, but rather that an ad is a put-down to women.

The ad is for a liquor with the picture of a seductive model posed with a bottle in front of her and the words, "Take me home." I am appalled that a college newspaper could allow this ad, considering the growing research (much of which is done by colleges and universities) which shows that this form of advertising is dehumanizing, reducing women to sex objects to be consumed like a bottle of liquor, as in this case.

I urge The Daily Tar Heel staff to remove this ad and use one that will give women the integrity that is long overdue.

RICHARD LAUDATI
 Chapel Hill

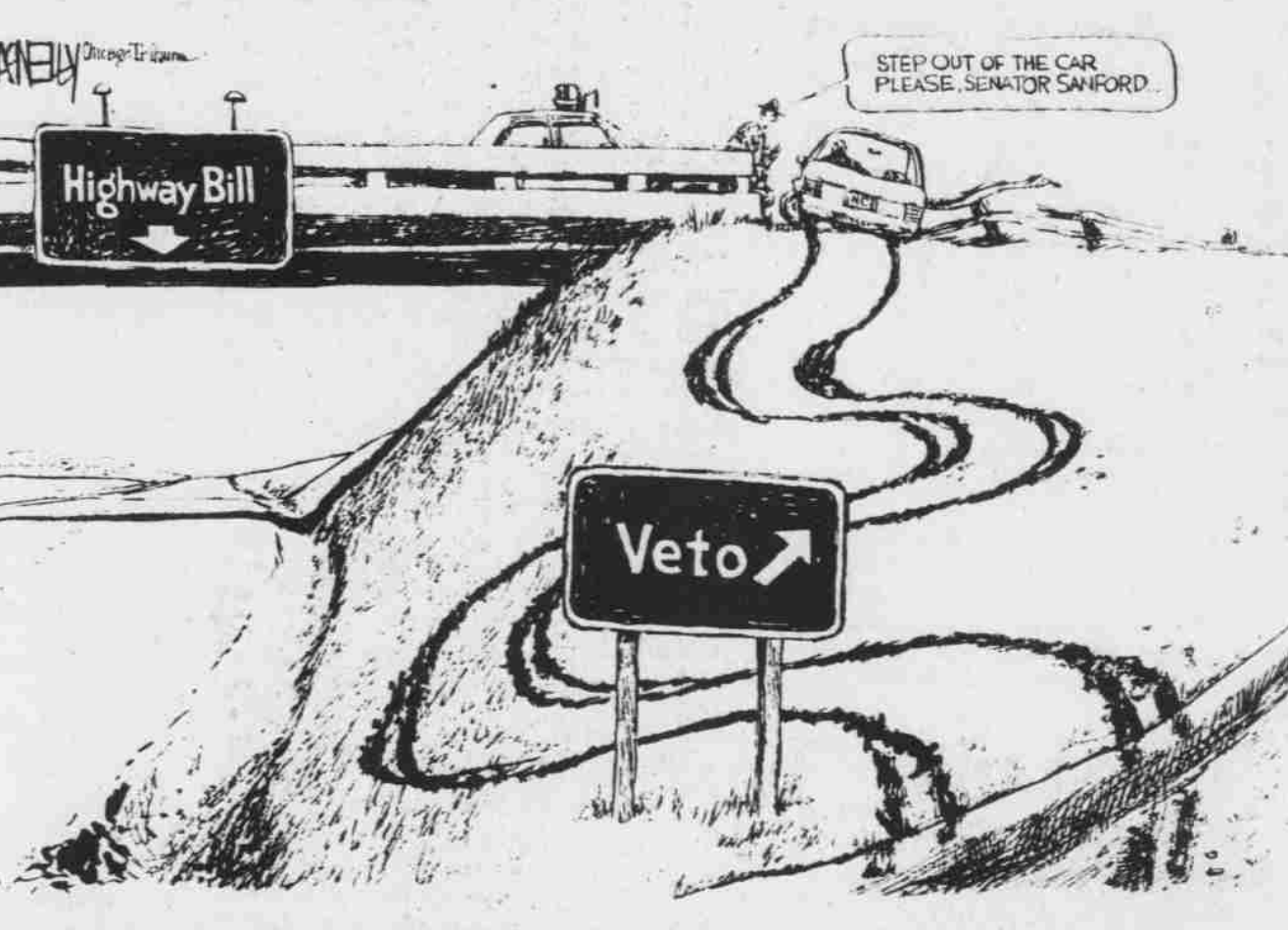
Protest march planned

To the editor:

For the past year, the issues of apartheid in South Africa and U.S. intervention in Central America have received much attention at UNC. The daily anguish experienced by the peoples of South Africa and Central America have compelled many of us to take time to learn about these issues and then fight the injustice.

We've joined the struggle against apartheid because racism in South Africa is just as appalling as it is at home. We've questioned U.S. policy in Central America, where an increasing military presence makes us wonder what American policy makers learned from the Vietnam war.

Action Against Apartheid, the Carolina Committee on Central America and the UNC Anti-Apartheid Support Group exist to address the evils of apartheid and U.S. intervention in Central America. We are committed to peace and justice in South Africa and Central America, where U.S. policy seems to have abandoned such aspirations. We'd like for you to join us in our



efforts to change the direction of U.S. policy in South Africa and Central America.

On April 25, we will join tens (possibly hundreds) of thousands of Americans and march on the Capitol with these demands:

- Support peace and freedom in Central America and South Africa.
- Stop U.S. war in Central America.
- Stop government and corporate support for apartheid.
- Stop U.S. aid to the contras.

Buses will be leaving from Chapel Hill. Tickets and further information are available at literature tables in the Pit, or students can write the CCCA at the Carolina Union, Box 37.

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Party theme offensive

To the editor:

This Friday night, Ehringhaus dorm is sponsoring a pimp/whore party. The theme of this party, to come dressed as a pimp or prostitute, is offensive to us and degrades women everywhere. Caricaturing a woman who is forced to sell her body should not be encouraged by this University. Women who are prostitutes are victims of social and economic circumstances. They often are unemployed, addicted to drugs, and alienated from their fam-

ilies. Many are minors who were kidnapped or ran away from home. Ever wonder what happened to the kids you see on milk cartons?

When women are portrayed as whores they are objectified and reduced to unthinking, unfeeling pieces of flesh. It is tragic when a loving, thinking, caring, beautiful woman is reduced to a body which can be rented for a few hours.

In order for women to have full equality in America, sexist behavior must become socially unacceptable. Part of the victory of the civil-rights movement is due to the fact that being a racist is considered unfashionable and tacky. Just as no one would consider having a master/slave party, no one should consider having a party which depicts women and men in a master/slave relationship.

Defenders of this party will argue that it is just for fun and is not intended as a social commentary. But the power of humor should not be ignored. The Washington Post on April 4 noted, "Humor is particularly devastating because the hostility is disguised." This party represents hostility to women who are being victimized and insensitivity to women everywhere. It is not funny.

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Requirements can only help

To the editor:

In most major universities, certain types of courses are required. These include natural sciences, history, foreign languages, mathematics and English. Some students feel that these courses should not be required because they are irrelevant to their fields of study. However, all of these courses are important for the understanding of knowledge in all fields.

Certain courses are required in college because the administration feels the knowledge presented in these classes is beneficial to the students in many ways. These classes help students no matter what fields they go into. They inform them in areas that they might not ever have had the opportunity to learn and give them the knowledge they need to cope with today's society.

Some students argue that having required courses is ridiculous. Because they are paying for their education, they feel they should not have to pay for classes they will not ever want to take. However, most people agree that the current system of education is best for students. A knowledge of other fields helps a person no matter what area of study he goes into.

Another opinion: CGLA does need funding

To the editor:

Just when we thought it was safe to read the back page of the DTH, we turn and find yet another article on the tired and beaten subject of CGLA funding ("CGLA funding: Here we go again") that appeared in the March 31 issue. However, an argument as poor as Allison's and Matheny's must be addressed. It would be impossible to record all the faults in this article, but I must note the most important and blatant ones.

Allison and Matheny base their argument on "moral and scriptural grounds." Many students do not follow the teachings of Biblical scripture. The Bible's teachings are relative, and the choice to follow them is totally a personal choice, just as a system of morals is. Morality differs with each individual. What is one man's vice is another man's virtue. So, I find it presumptuous and offending for Allison and Matheny to claim that "the majority of Carolina students oppose the funding of the CGLA."

They also use morality to compare homosexuals to "prostitutes and child-molesters." The vast majority of homosexuals, just like the majority of heterosexuals, do not sexually abuse children, causing emotional or physical damage, nor do they

use sex as a means to make a living. Homosexuality is practiced between two people as a means of showing love and affection. It does not interfere with others' rights, as does child-molestation.

I also find it appalling that two students of law at this University can so grossly misrepresent historical facts concerning the law and homosexuals. They claim that, "Every notable nation throughout history condemned homosexual practices..." I don't know if Allison and Matheny consider Greece a "notable nation" or not, but in Greece, homosexuality was legal, practiced, and encouraged. Homosexuality did not become illegal in Rome until Christianity became the official state religion very late in the empire. This is when the empire ceased being Roman and became Christian. The emperor Nero married a male charioteer, and the emperor Hadrian named new cities after his boyfriend until Christianity took over. Homosexuality was perfectly legal and practiced during most of the Roman empire.

Finally, and most importantly, Allison and Matheny say that CGLA should not be funded, but groups like the Black Student Movement and Carolina Indian Circle should be because they attract more minorities to the campus. They fail to

mention that the major premise of these groups is to provide these minority students with support and a sense of identity and worth within an often apathetic University. This is also the major function of the CGLA, to provide gay men and lesbian women on this campus with a sense of belonging, identity, and worth within the University and the hostile, intolerant world. It's absurd to claim that CGLA "exists only for the purpose of promoting deviant sex on campus..." I took the advice of Allison and Matheny and picked up a copy of "Lambda," but sadly, I found no ads for "Gay Sex Night in the Union." I only found genuine concerns for important social issues such as AIDS testing and civil rights. It's sad that these two authors discredit themselves so badly.

CGLA should be funded because their ideals are real and relevant in a world that Allison and Matheny ignore in their faulty argument the world in which everyone lives.

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