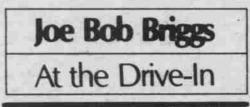
#### 8/The Tar Heel/Thursday, May 21, 1987

# The truth about "Tailgate": nothin' happened

I guess it's too late now, since Gary Hart already dropped out of the president's race because of the "Tailgate" scandal, but I have some new evidence that gets him off the hook. I followed Gary around for four days on the campaign trail, wrote down every single time he took off his shorts, which, lemme say right here, is not a pleasant assignment, and established a relationship with Gary's traveling secretary, Trudi "Jugs" Fillmore. In fact, I got Trudi to type up all the results of the investigation.



April 17, 4:06 p.m, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Gary boards his private yacht, "The Yankee Zipper," for 24 hours of intense speech preparation, accompanied only by his closest aides, 27-year-old makeup consultant Karen Funnel, and three 14-year-old Watusi girls. During this time Gary came in contact with no one else, except

the Miami Herald scuba team pressing their goggles up to the master bedroom porthole. Nothing happened.

April 18, 11:14 a.m, Key West Fla. After a quick flight aboard his private campaign plane, "The Whangdoodle," Gary addresses the South Carolina Elk Club. Afterwards Gary rents an island off the coast and entertains 437 Elks with the help of Whangdoodle flight attendants. Again nothing happens. Gary goes to bed early, about 7:15.

April 19, 9:45 a.m., Washing-

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ton After stopping at the Charleston airport to buy 10 giant stuffed teddy bears, Gary flies to the capital and enters a Georgetown condominium owned by Heather "The Human Pretzel" Funderburk, a longtime family friend. After two hours of non-stop campaigning, he leaves the condo and hands Heather a white envelope full of campaign donations for safekeeping. Nothin' happened.

April 19, 3:25 p.m, Fairfax, Va. Gary is greeted by the entire Congressional delegation from the

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state of Vermont, meeting in the executive session at Geno's Topless in suburban Washington for discussions on the maple syrup industry. Gary watches a maple syrup demonstration, but leaves early and stops at the Lincoln Memorial to pick up Rachel LeBrock, a researcher for the department of Agriculture who agreed to take some specimens from Gary for lab analysis. She tells him that the results were negative, and the two old friends

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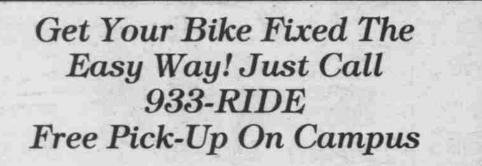
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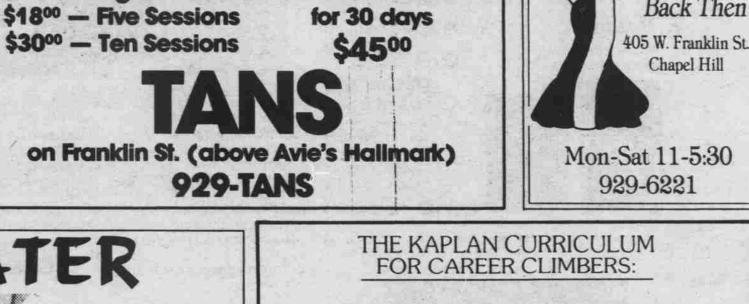




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