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Ed school needs leadership

Something is wrong in Peabody Hall, and no one can agree on what to do about it.

board opinion

Although everyone agrees that change is necessary, a lack of cooperation between the faculty and administration has pushed the School of Education backward rather than forward.

Provost Samuel Williamson and the administration have their own ideas about the steps that must be taken. This summer, Williamson commissioned a task force — led by Richard Richardson, political science department chairman — to make recommendations about the school's future direction. The report called for narrowing the school's focus by concentrating on training for grades K-12, while eliminating the reading/language arts program. The task force also recommended a reduction of enrollment in the graduate program.

Williamson and the administration endorsed the report's recommendations. But faculty members had some recommendations of their own.

While agreeing that changes must be implemented, the faculty proposed that the reading/language arts program be redefined, rather than eliminated. They suggested combining it with the school's special education program.

The education school's administrative board chose to ignore all of the revisions, although they had been overwhelmingly approved by the faculty. For instance, the proposal to combine the reading/language arts and special education programs was

approved 23-0, with one abstention. Faculty members were justifiably baffled and angered by the administrative board's lack of receptiveness.

Frank Brown, dean of the School of Education, has said that the administrative board would have endorsed the revisions if they had known that the provost would allow them to redefine the programs.

A lack of communication between administration and faculty is obvious. The person who should facilitate such communication is Dean Brown. As the school's leader, he should have acted as a liaison between the administration and faculty. By not fulfilling this responsibility, he failed not only faculty and administrators, but students as well.

In January, when Williamson reappointed Brown for three more years, he indicated his faith in the dean's competence. Although many faculty members have expressed a lack of confidence in Brown's leadership abilities, that is no longer the issue. The School of Education cannot afford to wait three years for an effective leader.

Brown has said he feels "shackled" by the administration. It is his task to break those shackles, using his position to resolve faculty, student and administrative concerns.

Change is inevitable. To ensure that those changes are the best for all involved, both administrators and faculty members must be willing to support Brown if he makes a sincere effort to improve. But Brown must take the first step.

Discipline not the BOT's place

Last Tuesday, anti-CIA protesters surprised CIA lawyer Page Moffett in front of his hotel room as he prepared to interview UNC law students for summer jobs with the agency. Moffett canceled the interviews, took his bags and left in his car, followed by some of the protesters.

At a meeting Friday, the UNC Board of Trustees (BOT) passed a resolution condemning the actions of the protesters. Trustee John Pope even called for the students to be expelled "for their violent acts."

It is not Pope's place to call for anything.

Whether or not we are witnessing the death of freedom of speech and association at the University, as Pope said during Friday's meeting, remains to be seen. However, a trustee's personal opinion is irrelevant. When Chancellor Christopher Fordham promised that the University would investigate the incident, Pope and the rest of the trustees should have listened. Instead, they have dealt an obvious and disturbing blow to the integrity of UNC's judicial process.

The Instrument of Student Judicial

Governance makes it very clear:

"By action of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Chancellor is solely responsible for all matters of student discipline." When it says the chancellor, it means the chancellor — not the BOT or any of its members.

Students at UNC enjoy a strong tradition of judicial self-governance. That tradition affords no individual — trustee or otherwise — the privilege of standing as accuser, judge and jury. An all-student Honor Court is responsible for ruling on alleged violations of the Code of Student Conduct. Appeals are made to a board comprised of students, faculty and administrators, and then to the chancellor.

The concern for Pope and the BOT should not be that students have acted as "terrorists" and therefore should be expelled. When questions of Code of Student Conduct violations are raised, every effort should be made to ensure that the judicial process will run its course. In this case, Pope and the trustees have jeopardized that process.

Justice cannot and will not be achieved through resolutions. — Kelly Clark

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Readers' Forum

Protesters stand by their actions

Jones/Poplin Guest Writers

As news and rumors spread, people have been asking, who exactly do those protesters think they are? What could they possibly have been thinking when they chased that poor man all the way to Raleigh?

On Tuesday, members of the CIA Action Committee woke up with two things on their minds. The chief one was our "Break Fast," a singing and bread-breaking ceremony at the law school. After up to 20 days of fasting, four members of our group were going to officially eat for the first time. The CIA had decided not to recruit on campus. The students involved wanted to celebrate and honor the fasters, whose dedication was responsible for this victory, as well as thank those who had supported them, particularly law students who had been wearing symbolic black armbands.

This victory had been completely unexpected because just hours before, Chancellor Christopher Fordham had told us he felt campus freedom hinged upon anyone being allowed to recruit here, as long as the organization was legitimate, regardless of its crimes. In this case, the crimes include drug smuggling, the breaking of international laws, the overthrowing of legitimately chosen governments and the resulting deaths of millions. We were greatly disappointed that the administration did not discourage the CIA from coming. In fact, the administration still arranged the interviews and supplied the transportation to an off-campus location.

Second, the CIAAC members were concerned with what we were doing about the situation. We had decided not to try to break up the off-campus interviews, but

rather to stage a peaceful protest during the recruitment that would inform people and make them think about the CIA. As long as they use illegal and immoral methods to oppress people in other countries, who, like us, wish simply to go on living, there will be people in this country who care for freedom and will confront them.

In order to achieve this, we planned the symbolic spilling of a red water-soluble liquid, resembling blood, with every intention of cleaning it up. The act took place on the sidewalk outside so as to not damage hotel property. Page Moffett, the representative of the CIA, witnessed this act, and much to the surprise of most of the committee, who were just arriving, decided to leave. The group and Moffett occupied the same parking lot for no more than 15 minutes, at which time, as said by University Inn owner Charles Nottingham, verbal protest took place, addressing the deaths and crimes of the CIA. The protesters posed no physical threat to Moffett. He decided to end the interviews for reasons having to do with publicity, as stated in the Chapel Hill newspaper by a CIA representative in McLean, Va., where, by the way, anyone who wants to recruit can go of their own volition using CIA facilities and transportation.

To end the recruitment off-campus, if not the farthest thing from our minds, was

at least not considered likely. Because of this, a car and a motorcycle followed Moffett to what we believed would be the relocation of the interviews. The other protesters would then rejoin the group and continue to protest. Moffett, however, led the travelling protesters astray and out of town. Once it was established that the interviewers were not being held elsewhere, the group returned to a rented room at the University Inn, to inform waiting members and clean up the spill. Unfortunately, the Inn had already taken care of it, though efforts were made to reimburse the cleaning crew.

The CIA Action Committee does not regret that the interviews were interrupted, because the University was involved in their arrangement. We do regret that many of our actions have been misinterpreted. We would not have stopped the students from interviewing. It was Moffett who turned them away and stopped recruitment.

It is obvious that the CIA does not want the attention we have been drawing to its activities. We are happy about our brief victory, but we will not be finished until the administration realizes the importance of the greater moral issue. The CIA offends all of our rights, and makes each and every one of us, as Americans, look unjust and uncaring with its illegitimate and covert actions.

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Loners can vote in GOP race

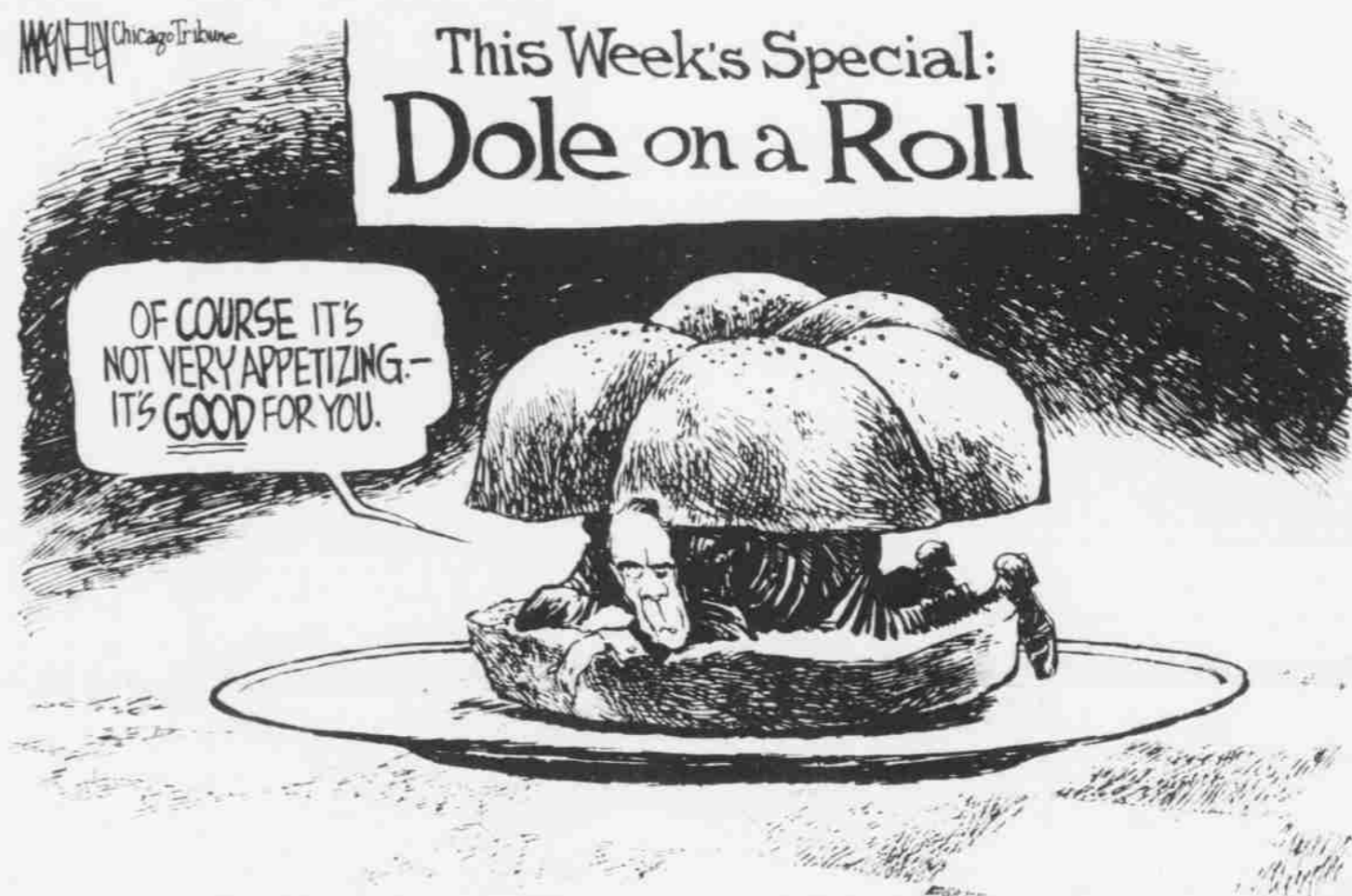
To the editor:

As we approach March 8 and the North Carolina primary, which is part of Super Tuesday, we should all consider our role in the electoral process. There is an important change in this year's election, affecting all voters.

In the past, primaries have been closed to voters who were not registered with that particular party. They were allowed to vote in neither the Republican nor the Democratic primary. Therefore, unaffiliated voters were totally excluded from the candidate selection process even when they were in agreement with one of the parties.

The 1988 North Carolina Primary will be different. Unaffiliated voters will have the option of voting in the Republican primary without losing their independent status. This is being done to give those voters who do not wish to formally register with the Republican party the ability to select the candidate they feel is best suited to become President.

Thousands of unaffiliated voters in North Carolina have come to recognize that the Republican party is best qualified to lead the United States. I heartily encourage all of these



people to help select the GOP standard-bearer for the 1988 election.

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Parking fees misdirected

To the editor:

I really don't understand the fuss regarding the Rams Club's use of parking spaces financed

by employees and student fees. The Rams Club's use of parking spaces is insignificant in comparison to evening and weekend use by others who pay no parking fees. Presumably this will be remedied in part by an evening parking program.

What should be of concern is that parking fees, to the tune of about half a million dollars a year, have been going to the support of the campus police activities, which bear no relation to parking. The only justification I have heard is that the responsibilities of the cam-

pus police are closely related to the transportation department.

It seems to me that there is as much justification for parking fees paying for the campus police as there is for parking fees paying for janitorial services. I would suppose that the cumulative parking monies that have supported the campus police would go a long way towards paying for the Craig parking deck.

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Lust, sex en-mesh-ed in '80s ideals

Randy Farmer Guest Writer

I saw the recent Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue on the magazine rack, but I didn't buy it, nor did I bother to look through it. I knew what was in it. Recent events have made me leery of beautiful women, and even suspicious of what those magazine editors might be up to.

That is not to say that I am a prude, or trying to be self-righteous. But let's be honest, how many people have actually purchased swimsuits they saw modeled in Sports Illustrated?

To a certain extent, I can't help feeling we are supposed to idolize those women, and that's a problem. Enjoy their beauty, sure. But that's not all. As Joe Bob Briggs might say, "We got mesh tops. Mesh bottoms. Semi-exposed buttocks. Exposed buttocks. Sand on the exposed buttocks. G-string kind of suits that makes my grandmother blush. And we got cleavage all over the place. Raw flesh. No imagination needed. It's erotic. It's lascivious. It's mouth-watering. It's enough to make Jimmy Swaggart want to stand up and start thumping the Bible." Sit down, Jimmy.

The problem is that the women posed in the magazine set an unfair and unhealthy standard in our minds for physical attractiveness, and men and women adopt it, however subconsciously. In other words, there is this ideal woman out there, and she is what we are supposed to want to be or to have. A certain amount of frustration sets in when we fail to live up to that standard. The rock group The Smiths sums it up well, "I want the one I can't have, and it is driving me mad."

Now there is no conclusive, empirical research linking Sports Illustrated swimsuit gals to general promiscuity, as far as I know, so I am just going on a hunch. But something is going on, because after last year, love (or lust) is in the air.

1987 was a particularly active year —

we saw sex scandals, sex scandals and sex scandals. The two most notable were Gary Hart (or is it Hartpence, now) with Donna Rice and the pious Jim Bakker with his not-so-pious secretary.

Normally, I would bite my lip and remain silent on such slow-pitch issues as these, but a recent cover story in the Atlantic attempted to make psychological sense out of promiscuity and the love-triangle phenomenon. "Triangles," the author says, "are intimately connected with our early lives and are imbued with profound desires and fears. Our first triangular (Oedipal) involvement marks the end of an excessive infantile dependency on Mother, our entry into the world as independent contenders." From there on out, it is up to our eyes to choose, and the people the author discusses do a lot of picking and choosing. I do not know what happened to Gary and Jim in their childhood, if anything. (Do we really want to know?) Humans, I think Shakespeare said, are giddy creatures. And so it is. We can safely conclude that these scandals are nothing new in the course of mankind.

Another level of interpretation of love triangles appeared in the movie "The Graduate." Dustin Hoffman, you might remember, fools around with Mrs. Robinson and then her daughter. It gets sticky, but Dustin ends up running away with the daughter. Once on the bus, their expressions of elation fade to seriousness, or even melancholy. The realization strikes the couple that their relationship is in for a tougher, longer road. Will they get bored with each other? Will they become alcoholics like Mrs. Robinson? Do they have

the stuff that relationships are made of, or will they seek other significant others?

I tend to shy away from love triangles, although I admit to stumbling into a few. Call me conservative. Call me a traditionalist. I don't know what Freud would think of me. He'd probably hate me. But what I have noticed about the triangles on campus (the few I do know of) is that the persons involved tend to get swept up in the passion of the thing, and then it dies. And these people bounce from partner to partner, as if relationships with people were like trading baseball cards. What is left when all is done is jealousy and acrimony between the players.

Ellen Goodman, the columnist, made a good deal of sense about love triangles, although indirectly. She thinks the problem with today's young lovers is that they are in love for now, rather than forever.

The myth, she says, goes like this: "There are too many changes ahead for them. They are too young to limit their options — jobs, schools, cities — for each other." So they play the field more.

And her rejoinder is, "But what about the option to have each other?"

"Love," Goodman says, "without a belief in a future is like a chocolate heart made of skim milk and Sweet'n'Low." Catchy, isn't it?

The swimsuit women in life are tempting, even Jimmy Carter said so. But after them, then what? I don't want my love for someone balled and chained by some babe in a swimsuit issue, although I am probably damaged beyond repair at this point. I want love with a person, not a photo, or an ideal, or an image, or a doll or a fantasy. That stuff is deceiving and ephemeral. Good luck, Gary and Jim.

And, I guess, to me as well.

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