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Decks don't belong Parking solution found off campus

Parking problems are nothing new to this campus, but recent consideration by the University administrators to construct more on-campus parking facilities may be a step in the wrong direction. A transportation consulting firm has been hired to examine three campus sites as possible locations for parking decks, including the parking lot at the corner of South Road and Pittsboro Street, the Bell Tower parking lot and the parking lot between the Institute of Government and the Law School. These locations have poor traffic flow and would only increase traffic problems and require road enlargements and more construction.

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are only one of two intramural fields. The Bell Tower parking lot is perhaps the best proposal of the three, but would still require the restructuring of roads. The UNC campus road system is at full capacity; reducing traffic flow on campus and making the campus more of a place to walk is the needed solution.

University officials should devote more resources toward the planning of parking facilities on the perimeter of the campus and establishing a park-and-ride system. This approach would prevent the loss of present on-campus parking due to construction of new lots, and it would inhibit future parking lot construction on campus, thereby preserving the campus' beauty.

Builders are to begin work soon on a parking deck at Craige Residence Hall, a logical site for the deck because traffic can get to the facility easily; a proposed additional lane to Manning Drive will help accommodate the increased traffic flow. But the other campus locations being considered will prove to be unwise choices.

The corner of South Road and Pittsboro is plagued by small one-way streets on both sides, namely Pittsboro and South Columbia. An enlargement of Pittsboro Street would require taking over private property in a residential area — an undesirable option. A lot between the Institute of Government and the Law School would also be situated in one of the worst areas for heavy traffic. The widening of Ridge Road would be necessary, and two of the Carmichael intramural fields would be lost. This would be met with heavy student opposition, because the Carmichael fields

The University has cooperated with Chapel Hill officials to develop parking sites off campus, and such efforts should be applauded. At the beginning of the new year, a 500-space lot along N.C. 54 near the Durham/Orange County line will open. The recent construction of a 500-space lot on Estes Drive near Horace Williams Airport is another good perimeter lot.

Officials should also consider parking deck sites in areas to the north of campus. An existing lot such as P lot would be ideal for a deck, because Airport Road could accommodate the extra traffic. However, the University must acquire land to the north and south of campus for parking while the decks are under construction.

With forethought toward future expansion of UNC and concern for the beauty of the campus and Chapel Hill, officials should look in a new place for the parking solution: off campus.

Town talks trash Streets not biggest issue in Chapel Hill

Compared to many cities and college towns, Chapel Hill looks practically immaculate. But some town leaders have called Chapel Hill "filthy" and "an embarrassment" in the past couple of weeks, making cleanliness an issue at town council meetings. All the talk about dirty streets seems a waste of time when there are certainly more pressing issues at hand.

James Heavner, president of the Public-Private Partnership, a community volunteer leadership organization, and president of the Village Companies, wrote a letter to Mayor Jonathan Howes recently about the sad state of downtown Chapel Hill during the "Roll Out the Trolleys" celebration. Heavner said the town needed to take action to clean up our downtown. Chapel Hill already has a very thorough plan for providing sanitation and maintenance services, and the town has added several new features to its plan to keep the streets clean — especially during large events, such as football games.

The Village Companies donated \$10,000 to the Chapel Hill-Carboro Downtown Commission this year, a group formed by the Public-Private Partnership to aid in downtown revitalization, and the commission had asked the companies for another \$10,000 contribution. The commission relies on private donations to provide 40 percent of its budget, according to Debbie Dibbert, co-director of the commission. Heavner said he expected to donate the \$10,000, but the contribution would only be made "if it is tied to an absolute commitment to

get downtown cleaned up." But the commission is responsible for revitalizing the downtown, not ensuring its complete cleanliness.

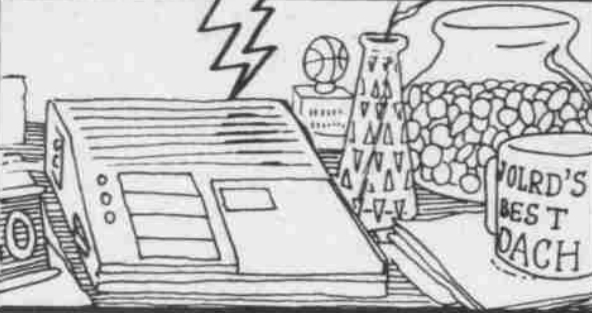
Some town leaders have said this issue has been blown out of proportion. The Village Companies should be commended for the outstanding contributions it has made to this community, but it shouldn't put conditions on donations it makes to the commission. Chapel Hill has been working on a definition of what the commission's role should be in keeping downtown clean, and in the meantime, town officials have a good plan for keeping the downtown as attractive as possible.

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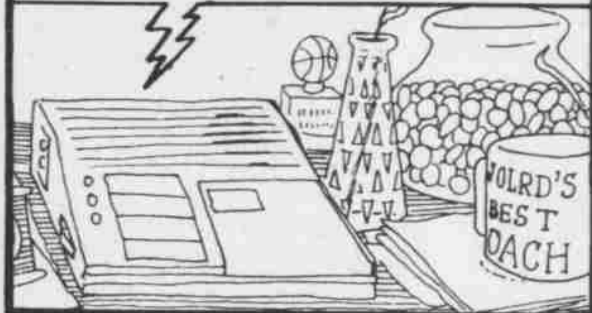
And while it's true Chapel Hill should care about the appearance of its downtown area, clean streets are hardly a pressing issue compared with the town's soaring cost-of-living or the problems of homeless men and women on its streets and increasing violence. The town manager and the town council shouldn't have to waste time discussing trash, especially when there isn't much to discuss.

To say that Chapel Hill is filthy is, of course, an overstatement. The citizens of this town take great pride in their community's appearance. Heavner has apparently never really seen a filthy street. We can't let the downtown area deteriorate, but at the moment, our streets look pretty good compared to streets in similar areas — just take a look around. — Tammy Blackard

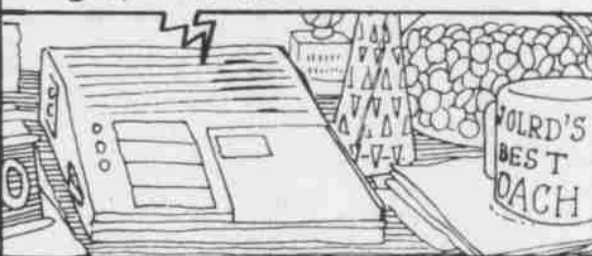
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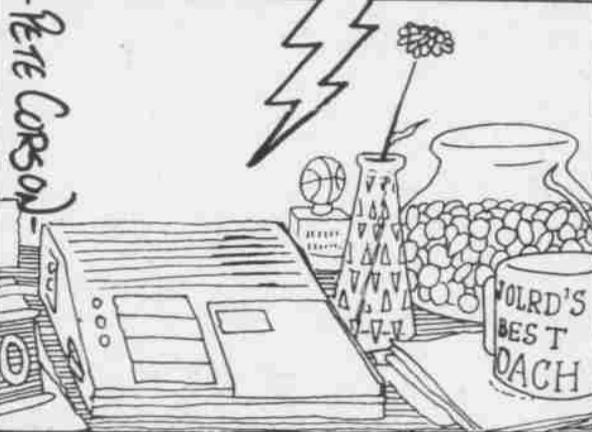
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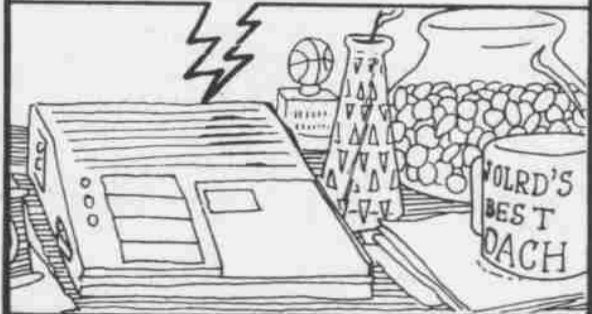
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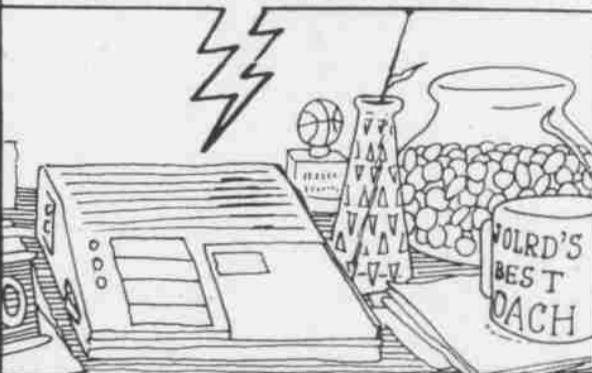
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beep! HEY! IT'S ROWDY ROODY JONES, THE BOG MONSTER (GET IT? "BOG MONSTER?" HA!), AND WAIT'LL YOU HEAR WHAT THE NCAA IS REPORTING ON YOU! CALL ME, HOSS!



beep! Hi, THIS IS JUDY FROM DELTA AIRLINES. I WAS CALLING TO CONFIRM YOUR ONE-WAY TICKET TO BOLIVIA. PLEASE CALL ME BACK.



Things Hurricane Hugo forgot to hit

When I told Pete Corson, the DTH's star cartoonist, that I would be writing a column for a while this year, he asked me to promise him something.

"You're not going to write one of those Andy Rooney, whine-about-everything, 'Top 10 Things I Hate' columns, are you?" he asked. "Promise me you won't write that sort of column."

Of course I assured Pete that I was above that sort of thing. But then Pete drew this picture that runs with my columns, in which I look like a pelican with a toupee and not at all like I really do thank you very much. (Ian Williams says he doesn't look like his picture either.) So suddenly I feel no obligation to keep my promise to Pete. And, since it's been that sort of week, I've decided to whine about some things. I call the following list "Things Hurricane Hugo Forgot to Hit."

Heritage USA — I understand Hugo was headed straight for Jim Baker's Christian Funhouse when it suddenly, miraculously swerved aside. I half expected Jim and Tammy to start explaining how the Lord, no doubt grateful for all the wonderful things the Bakers have done for his image lately, intervened. But I guess they decided not to push their luck — who knows, even God's sense of humor might have limits.

South of the Border — A friend of mine observed how ironic it was that, while historic Charleston lay in ruins, South of the Border emerged unscathed. After all, Charleston was one of the few redeeming qualities of South Carolina, a state I like to refer to as "the armpit of the nation." Hugo obviously had some skewed priorities. If nothing else, it could



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have at least swept away some of the 4,187 painfully perky South of the Border billboards that litter South Carolina's highways.

Supporters of the new Alumni Center — If you're walking along Stadium Drive, you might think for a second that Hugo actually was here. But no, that's just the happy handiwork of the construction team hired to help "nestle" the Alumni Center in the Big Woods. But hey, it was just a bunch of trees, right?

Myron Poindexter Phillips Jr. III — Myron Poindexter, for those of you who don't know, was imported from a private school in Massachusetts by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and paid \$500 to take his SAT's in Charleston, thus doubling the state's average and enabling it to edge North Carolina in the AP precession polls. And let me tell you, the Educational Foundation isn't going to take this pummeling lying down!

The Rolling Stones — If I never hear of the Rolling Stones again, I'll die content.

Actually, the Rolling Stones aren't the problem. I liked the Stones, until I had to hear about them every 30 seconds for weeks before and after their concert in Raleigh. No, the problem is the way this state goes to pieces whenever anything mildly interesting or remotely un-

usual — like Hugo, or a Rolling Stones concert, or "Bull Durham" — deigns to occur here. Clearly the blame lies with the Val Holley-Dennis-Terry Thill-WRDU-lack o' news military-industrial complex.

Governor's School — Is there anyone out there, besides me, who didn't go to a governor's school, and take fascinating classes, and fall in love for the first time, and make a million-jillion super-close friends that they now see all the time on campus? And why are all these people training to be governors?

Wrigley's Spearmint Gum Commercials — You know the ones I'm talking about — where the guy starts chewing gum and his computer asks, "What is Wrigley's Spearmint?" And the guy answers, "Well... it's pure chewing satisfaction!" Actually, it'd probably be more accurate to define it as GUM! But that's just my opinion. There's now a whole genre of these commercials, so if you haven't seen one yet, you will soon.

As long as we're on the subject, Hugo could also have destroyed every single copy of those "I can't wait for my South Carolina vacation" commercials — especially the ones in which the man stuck in rush hour traffic stands up in joy, straight through the roof of his car, shouting "Three more days to my South Carolina vacation and I can't wait!" Let's be realistic here: nobody gets that excited about South Carolina.

Cutesy Newspaper Filler — There's just far too much of this stuff around these days. We need to be more serious about things...

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Readers' Forum

First-strike weapons threat to humanity

To the editor:

In his Sept. 15 letter ("Photo caption on missile misleading"), Christopher Campbell takes issue with the characterization of the Navy's new Trident submarines as "first-strike" weapons. I would like to point out the flaw in his reasoning.

First a word about first-strike. A first-strike nuclear capability means that, by attacking first in a nuclear war, a nation could destroy virtually all of an enemy's nuclear forces before they can be fired or before they can reach their targets. Such a capability goes far beyond the nuclear capability that is needed to simply deter an adversary from initiating nuclear war. Yet the public still believes that nuclear deterrence is official U.S. policy.

To win a nuclear war by a first-strike, the United States needs very

accurate nuclear missiles that can destroy most Soviet missiles while they are still in their silos (the new D-5 missiles on the Trident submarine and the MX missile are accurate to within 300 to 400 feet from thousands of miles distance). Some of these missiles must reach Soviet command and communication centers before they can order a coordinated counter-strike (the Trident missiles can reach their targets in as little as eight minutes). The United States must be able to locate and destroy Soviet submarines before they launch a counter-strike (in fact U.S. spending on anti-sub warfare has increased tremendously in the 1980s). Finally, the United States must be able to knock down the few Soviet missiles that are launched in retaliation (the proposed versions of Star Wars, if they work at all, could possess at least this capability). Indeed, almost every new nuclear weapons system of the 1980s can play a role in a first-strike. Trident is

probably the most important of these.

Mr. Campbell observes that, although Trident may contribute to an emerging U.S. first-strike capability, nevertheless the United States denies having a first-strike policy — true enough. As Sen. John Tower, Bush's first nominee for Secretary of Defense, once put it: "We ought not to have a first-strike policy, but we ought to have a first-strike capability."

However, the distinction between capability and policy is necessarily blurred when it comes to nuclear war. Whatever the stated U.S. policy might be, Soviet leaders will, in a crisis situation, act according to U.S. capability. Perceiving a threat to their nuclear forces, they may choose to launch their missiles in a preemptive strike rather than lose them to a U.S. first-strike. Knowing this, the United States may elect to strike first so as to limit the damage to itself. Therefore, a first-

strike capability may help to cause the nuclear war that it was intended to deter.

Thus, Trident may indeed be called a first-strike weapon. The total cost of the Trident program will be at least \$155 billion. That money is desperately needed, not for making bombs, but for meeting real human needs such as housing, education and drug rehabilitation. In the Gorbachev era, we possess a golden opportunity for serious nuclear disarmament (which should begin with Trident); an opportunity which, if refused, may vanish with little hope of return.

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Cartoonists need Jewish history lesson

To the editor:

I have always believed in first-hand experience. This past year, I lived in Israel as a student. My guess is that Mr. Cohen who co-wrote the cartoon on the Sept. 25 has not had the same first-hand experience. Otherwise, he would surely have written from a more informed viewpoint.

I am aware that Israel, as the United States, has made its share of mistakes. However, I am also aware that biased media coverage has hampered a true understanding of the situation in Israel today. Many misconceptions pervade. For example, in this cartoon, a Jew says, "Like all Jews throughout the world, I am recognized by Israel as an official citizen." This statement is simply not true. What is true is that under the Law of Return, all Jews throughout the world are able to move to Israel and become citizens, if they choose, without going through a naturalization process, provided that they are not criminals escaping justice or a health hazard such as a person who needs a quarantine. Non-Jews may immigrate to Israel and go through the regular naturalization process.

The Palestinian American comments, "Had my family not immigrated to the U.S., they

would be nationless. They wouldn't be able to carry a passport, because their home is being occupied by Israeli military forces." First of all, the Palestinians were never self-governed. Before groups of Jews came to Palestine, there were many thousands of Jews living there for generations. (Myths and Facts by Leonard Davis p. 11). When the first groups of Jews came in 1880, Palestine was under Ottoman rule. Later, the British ruled. In fact, in 1947, the proposed Partition Plan to give two states, the smaller to the Jews and the larger to the Arabs, was accepted by the Jews, but not the Arabs. The United Nations voted for the partition, and the Arabs attacked. They had their first real chance for self-government, but instead greed for more land held them back. Are they no longer this greedy? Also, only this Palestinian's parents would be living under Israeli military rule if they were living in the territories, not in Israeli proper.

Reading over the comic strip again, I see more evidence of it being uninformed. They write, "It bothers me that the Holocaust experience has been used by most Zionists to justify the destruction of the Palestinian home ... They did not come home, they came and took a home." Again the comic strip does not match the history. Large groups of Jews came

to live in Israel starting in 1880, joining the other Jews who lived there decades before the Holocaust. Jews and non-Jews alike came to Palestine before World War II. While it is true that the Holocaust hastened the formation of Israel, one needs to remember that the Holocaust, with the systematic killing of 6 million Jews was never a part of the Zionist plan. The Jewish state was not the reward.

Finally, I would like to address the last caption of the comic strip in which the Jew says, "After the Holocaust, the phrase 'never again' became popular among the Jews. It was a vow that we would never allow such injustice to happen again." The Palestinian responds with, "But was 'never again' meant to apply only to Jews?" The implication is very clear and grossly inaccurate. The comparison with the attempted genocide of innocent Jews to the conflict with aggressive, sometimes terrorist Palestinian activists numbering in hundreds since the Intifada is tasteless, groundless and absurd. Before you jump to defend the underdog, find out the facts and check out the underdog for sharp teeth and dangerous claws.

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