

## Opinion

# Communism poses greater threat than Hitler

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Guest Writer

In the summer of 1963, when I was an undergraduate student, I had the privilege of attending a lecture by Dr. Elizabeth Dodd, a former ranking official of the Communist Party, U.S.A. After her infatuation with the ideals of communism during the 1940s and 1950s, she began to realize that the utopian world pictured by the leaders of the Soviet Union was far from reality. In fact, she realized that Marxism-Leninism was not communism at all, but one more form of totalitarianism. In her later years, she became a speaker warning the people of America of the dangers facing this nation from innuendo, half-truths and outright lies spread by the communist world and repeated by those who had not yet seen the truth.

The gist of her warning, which is as valid today as then, was that the leaders of communism have an almost religious fervor in their desire to take over the entire world. The United States stands in their way. They knew that military action, even if victorious, would destroy much of the industrial capacity of both nations and plunge the world into social and economic collapse. Their best solution was to have the United States fall from within — by Americans either dedicated to their cause or tricked into following along.

In the 1930s and early 1940s, the main targets of the KGB (or its prede-

cessors) were labor leaders and college professors. In the late 1940s and 1950s, they turned to journalists in addition to professors. In the 1960s, they went after radical war protesters. Today, the primary targets are the clergy. Their success with labor union leaders was never very good since most rank-and-file members were very dedicated and loyal Americans. However, they were successful in the recruitment of college professors, especially in political science, history and journalism. Most of these were simply fooled into believing that Marxism-Leninism was really theoretical communism in which all people would be equal. The KGB and its friends have also been successful with some radical groups and some of the clergy, especially in nations such as South Korea, the Philippines and those of Central America and Africa. Pro-communist clergy in the United States are also becoming more prevalent.

Generation after generation of American students have been taught by teachers this deceived and by clergy this idealistic. Most of these people would never knowingly support dicta-

torships or tyranny, but their actions support such communist goals around the world. Millions of Americans receive their news from radio, television and newspaper sources who have been fooled into parroting KGB propaganda. Whatever the leaders of communism want "believed" becomes accepted even by those who should know better. Hitler's "big lie" concept is indeed very valid so far as what the KGB does.

Nowhere is this more evident than in attacks on the CIA. The ferocity of the communist campaign against the eyes and ears of this nation is more intense than any other currently being undertaken.

Seldom does one hear professors lecturing on, or new people reporting on, the assassinations planned and conducted by the KGB; the interference in the affairs of other nations by the KGB; the attacks on the character, morals, intelligence or motives of those opposed to communism; the disinformation and lies spread by the KGB; or the brutal involvement of the KGB in terrorist organizations worldwide. Their attacks are only on the CIA, which is restrained by requirements to report to as many as eight congressional oversight committees and services under eight presidents of both parties of widely different political views.

Fanciful stories of CIA involvement

in plots to assassinate foreign leaders have been created by the KGB, swallowed by news people, spread by both dedicated communist agents and their dupes and believed by those unable or unwilling to find out for themselves more than "sound bites" or front-page editorials. A very detailed report of the U.S. Senate into CIA activities involving purported assassinations was released in November 1975 (the so-called "Church Report"). In this investigation, only five situations were uncovered. One as a real CIA plot — the plotted assassination of Fidel Castro (probably approved by John Kennedy personally). One involved CIA activity in trying to prevent the assassination of General Schneider of Chile by persons who were in contact with the CIA for support. One involved Diem of South Vietnam was done without CIA support (the CIA was involved in planning his overthrow but not the assassination), and the others (Trujillo of the Dominican Republic and Lumumba of the Congo) resulted from no direct CIA involvement. Even so much as contemplating assassinations by the CIA was forbidden in 1976. However, one cannot help but wonder how much better the world would be if Britain's plan to assassinate Hitler had been successful, or if Marx, Lenin or Stalin had been removed, or if Qaddafi, Cas-

tro or Ortega could be silenced.

Recently, stories of CIA activities in the international drug trade have become popular by these agents with attempts by far left and pro-communist organizations to bring false charges against the CIA (which have all been thrown out of court as completely groundless). Interestingly enough, at different times, these moles and dupes seem to claim that the CIA is on both sides of the drug war — wrongfully interfering in other nations in fighting the drug trade but also wrongfully being a part of the distribution system. Whatever benefits the CIA or the United States would derive from activities other than destruction of the distribution network is never very clearly elaborated by these dedicated "believers" except in their vivid imaginations and in supposed grandiose "conspiracies."

I once had an acquaintance in the CIA tell me he wished the CIA were as effective as its enemies claim it to be. The people of the United States, indeed the world, could rest much safer if it were.

There are pro-communist and far-left organizations *ad-nauseam* which parrot the Communist line and spread lies in their every action. These pose a graver threat to the security of the United States and the peace of the world than Adolph Hitler or Joseph Stalin ever did

since they represent rotting from within. Some universities are training their students to believe the KGB line without thinking and question only the activities and motives of the United States and its leaders and not those of our enemies.

Anyone who sees the danger is attacked as paranoid or ignorant or both. Anti-communists are attacked as crackpots. However, upon being asked about those who see communists "under every bed," Eldridge Cleaver in the Sept. 4, 1976, *Rolling Stone* replied, "But there are Communists under the bed."

Dr. Dodd and others tried to warn us, and we didn't listen in the 1960s. We still didn't listen in the 1970s and 1980s. As we enter the 1990s, the gravest period of all is upon us since the Soviets are no longer seen by most of the public (due to good press about current reforms, which have resulted from many of the people of the Soviet Union coming to the correct conclusion about their government) as a threat. Foolish professors, journalists and ordinary citizens are being fed garbage daily by KGB disinformation specialists and then ask for more for dessert. Wake up before it is too late!

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## 'Stance of peace' needed for Israel, not defense

To the editor:

I appreciate the candor of Cohen's and Bishara's opinions in their joint cartoon (DTH, Sept. 25). In this small format they extract some Jewish and Arab cultural history, personal opinions on Israel and the deep frustration of violence in Israel. However, a cartoon, by its brevity, can not express the complexity of history, culture, politics and humanity of all the people and events beneath the present face of Israel. In their simplification of Israeli history, Cohen and Bishara presented a slanted cartoon. I'm glad that the cartoon addressed the stereotype of Arabs as fat Jew-hating people who murder, terrorize and steal. That they did not address the stereotype of Jews as "murderers and thieves" saddens me.

I have not been to Israel and I have much to learn about Israeli politics and Arab culture. I admit these limitations. Through my conversations with Jews who have visited Israel and many friends who are simply interested in Israel, I have extracted a running model for understanding some of the problems there. Jews moved to Israel for different reasons. Some were already there. Some moved there for economic reasons, some because no one else would take them, some because they were

raised in the Middle East and tried to escape institutionalized anti-Semitism in their Arab countries. For the Jews who see Israel as their homeland, Israel is supposed to be a place of peace and security. And when you have people who assault you, throw rocks at you or bomb your houses and synagogues, it is like having thieves in your home. You can not get them out and you are frustrated. You anger and strike out. The Israelis with this attitude are not in the majority, but enough are afraid to make the politics of peace complicated.

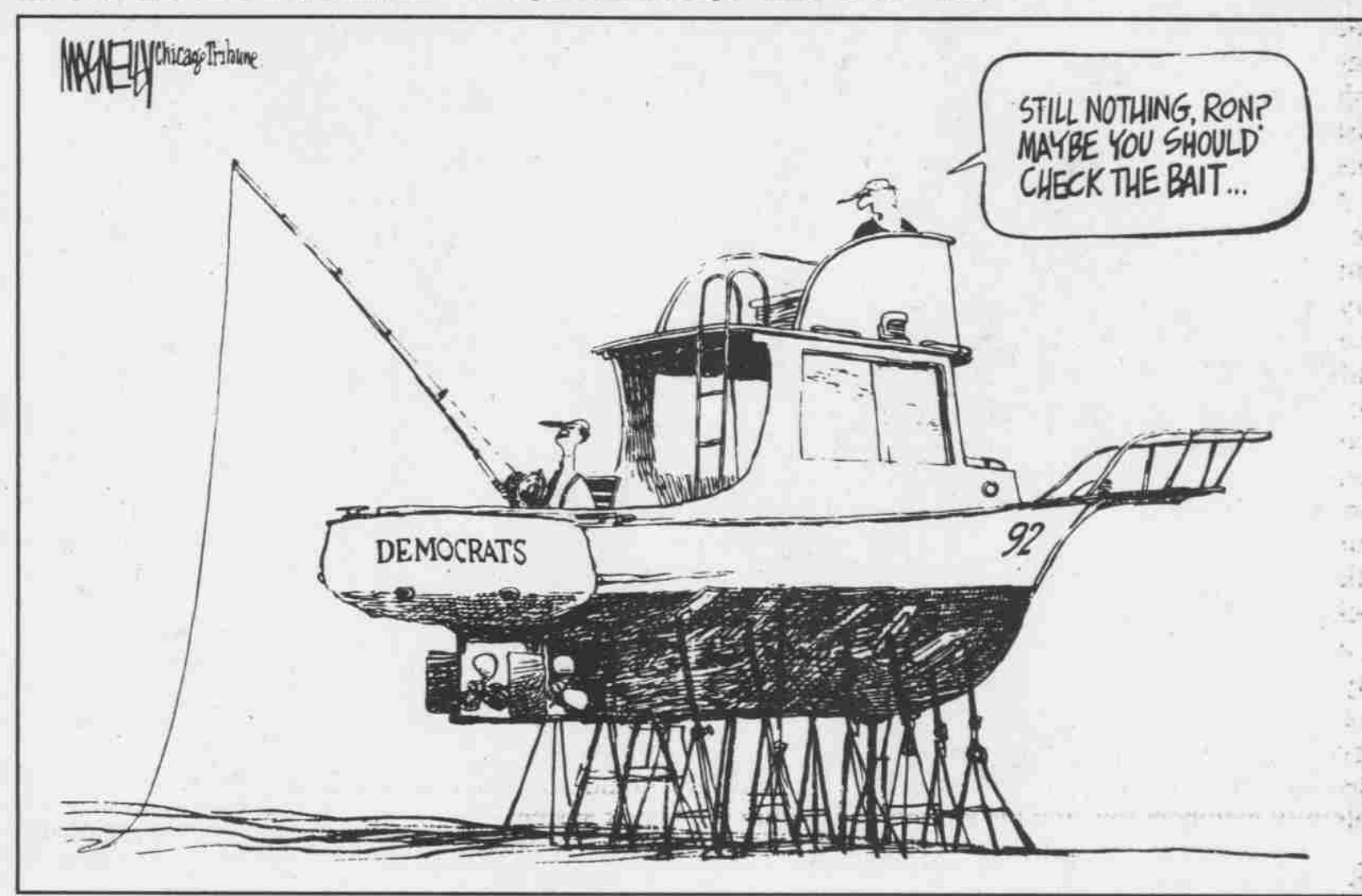
Many people do not differentiate one Arab from another. There are Israeli Arabs who are citizens of Israel with civil rights. Some of these say they would not move if a Palestinian homeland were created. There are Arabs on the West Bank who have legitimate concerns of civil liberties. Israel needs to develop a humane strategy in dealing with these people as human beings with families, friends and a valuable culture. There are Arabs in all the other Middle Eastern countries, some who want to destroy Israel, most who want to survive.

In the same way, people do not differentiate one Jew from another. There are Jews in Israel who hate all Arabs. There are Jews in Israel working for

peace and cultural exchange. There are American Jews working for peace. There are American Jews who, like most Americans, do not know enough or care enough to have an opinion beyond the day's headline.

I have heard too many people condemn Israel from a standpoint of superiority. I discourage this self-righteous attitude. Only eight months into World War II, the United States government suspended the civil rights of Japanese Americans and had them interned in camps. These people had evidence of supporting the United States, they were trying to enlist in the military, they tried to separate themselves from the enemy. Israel has suspended civil rights of West Bank Arabs and interned some of them. This happened after forty years of war and to a group of people openly sympathetic to Israeli enemies. Compared to America at war, Israel is doing quite well.

In no way do I excuse Israel for any injustices it has committed. Something needs to be done. Someone needs to wage peace. I appreciate Becca Freedman's response to the cartoon in that she clarified some Jewish history surrounding Israel ("Cartoonists need Jewish history lesson," Sept. 28). However, she wrote from a defensive



standpoint. What is needed, though, is a stance of peace, not defense. Defense invites offense. Peace has the possibility of inviting peace. A stand for peace is dangerous and a stand for peace offers the possibility of peace. I thank David Halperin's response for its opening of hope by mentioning an informal peace conference of Palestinians and Israelis at Toledo, Spain, last summer

("Cartoon should have a different ending," Oct. 2). He said that he wished the cartoon had ended with the Arab and Jew saying to each other, "Both our people have suffered insantly; we need to learn to share a land that will be a haven for both of us."

To this end, I request of the reader that when talking about Israel you say, "there can be peace," not "peace can

never happen." Even if you do not believe it, someone will believe it, and if enough believe, then someone will act on it, and if enough act, there will be peace. If there can be peace in Israel, then what is the possibility for humanity? Unlimited.

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## Group should hear other views

To the editor:

I was disturbed to read Jason Kelly's article about the protest the College Republicans conducted against Arnoldo Ramos on Oct. 6 ("Republican group protests speaker"). The protest is disturbing because it shows a total lack of scholarly thought among the students involved. The "communist pig" remarks and the "terrorist party" remarks can only be construed as political dogma. The actions of the clearly radical College Republicans demonstrate brainwashing. Only a wrong-thinking person would label a belief inherently evil because it differs from his own beliefs. A person who truly wants to find the correct path does not fear or hide from opposing information. A scholar must seek to understand all points of view. We attend this university, among other reasons, to become educated. How can one learn without listening or looking?

I have the utmost respect for Mr. Ramos even though I do not agree with his political position. I respect him because he has gone through a great deal of turmoil, a great deal of persecution, such as that thrust upon him last Wednesday, and yet he stands firm upon his beliefs.

"The protesters wanted Ramos to know that the whole campus did not

support his presence." That is a position that could only be made by an ignorant radical dogmatic person. I want the College Republicans to know that they don't even come close to representing the Republican Party on this campus. Most Republicans stay far away from the College Republicans. I want students of this campus to beware of those who seek to educate without having knowledge or seeking it.

"He thought he was dealing with uneducated students who had not read about the FMLN, but we had documentation of the FMLN's terrorist activities." I disagree. I believe that Mr. Ramos thought that he was speaking to an educated group of students, but the protesters were in attendance. To read information means nothing. To understand it and the reasons behind it is truly being educated.

The action taken by the College Republicans is an embarrassment to the entire University community. It demonstrates that there are those among us who do not wish to learn, but wish to make comments about things that they do not know.

I am only a freshman. I believe in education, and I work hard to uphold my status as a scholar. I drove 17 hours from St. Louis, Mo., to attend school

here, because Chapel Hill is known for its academic excellence. I have met many scholars here and many good students. Chapel Hill is a great place to learn. But one must have an open mind.

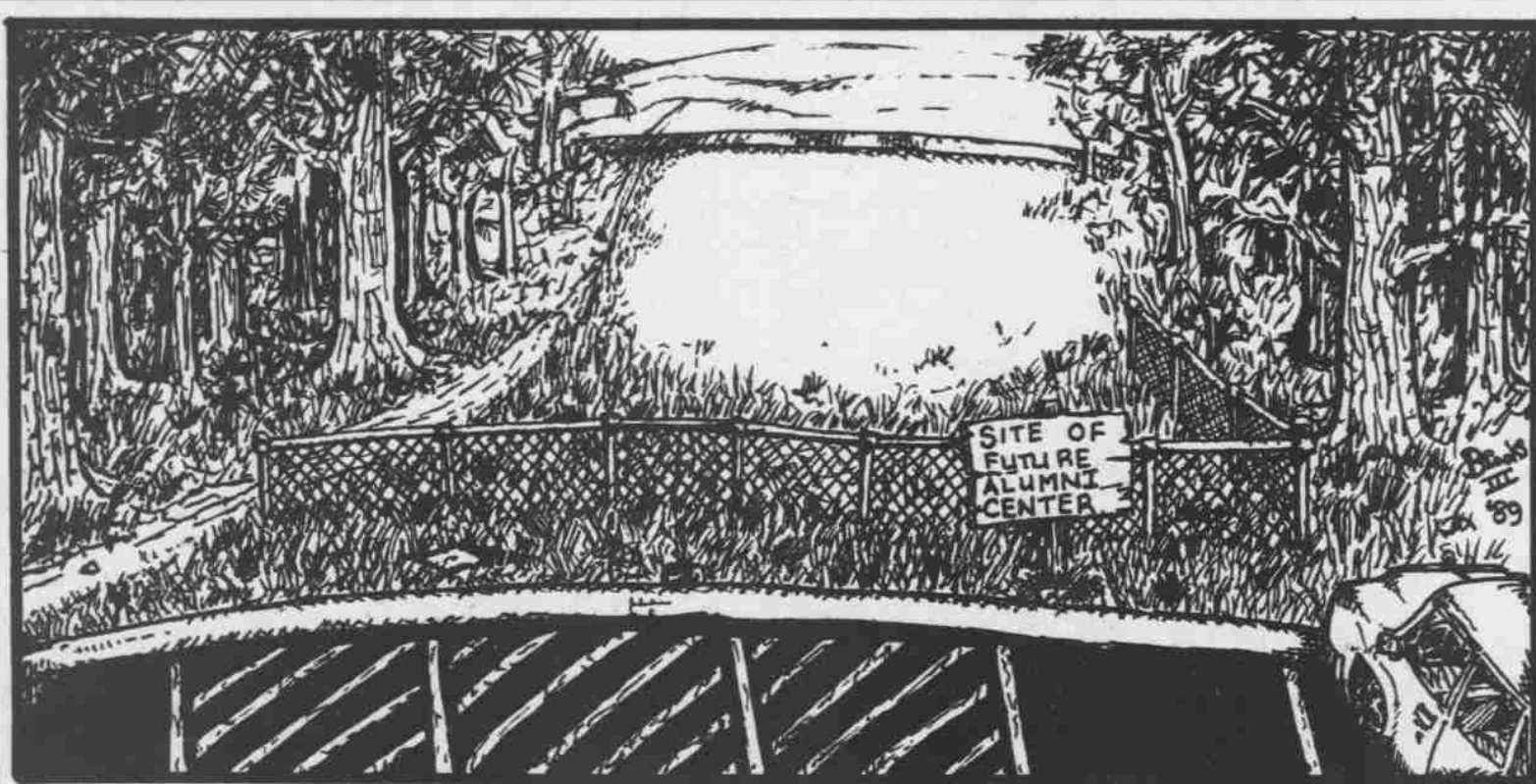
The belief that the presence of an informative source, such as Mr. Ramos, can corrupt is a critical flaw in the education of this nation. Such an absence of information has helped teenage pregnancy and teenage drug abuse to prosper.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be."

One cannot be ignorant and yet be free. Ignorance is the path to subjugation. One certainly cannot be ignorant and still be civilized, since civilization results from superior knowledge and ignorance results from its lack.

I say to the College Republicans, we will not be misled. For we seek the truth. I thank Mr. Ramos for coming to this campus and enlightening a few of us. It was for our betterment regardless of whether or not we agree with his beliefs.

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## Forest should be preserved as symbol of concern for world

To the editor:

I thought a thought the other day. I was riding past the enormous lot bared for the Alumni Center and wondered just where all these alumni will park their vans with the flags stuck to the windows. Will we eventually have to clear the rest of Big Woods for a parking deck? Will future students ever know why Chapel Hill was known as one of the most beautiful campuses back in the dark ages of the 20th century?

And then I thought about how important those trees were — not just for their beauty, especially at this time of year, but also as a vital part of life on earth. As everyone learned in tenth grade biology, people (and other animals) breathe in oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide. Trees and other plants take in carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and release oxygen. Sounds like a perfect system ... except that people burn fossil fuels in their cars and power plants, releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. And on top of that, the trees are coming down fast, nowhere faster than in tropical rain forests, one

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of our richest supplies of carbon dioxide processors.

So, earth is rapidly losing its oxygen regenerating system. (And what do you think happens to the trees that are cut down? Right, they're burned releasing even more carbon dioxide.) All this extra carbon dioxide produces the greenhouse effect, a global warming accompanied by a dramatic rise in ocean levels, shifting climate patterns, and a desertification.

So what can we do? I heard once about a power company preparing to build a new plant. The company's officials calculated how much carbon dioxide would be released into the atmosphere by the burning of fossil fuels at the new facility and how many trees would be needed to process all that carbon dioxide. Then they bought cleared rain forest land in Brazil and replanted that many trees. The point is,

we're losing trees like the ones in the Big Woods by the millions, and it has to stop, and it can be stopped.

Anyway, here's the thought I thought: The forest around Kenan Stadium all the way back to Morrison should be permanently set aside to be nothing but forest. No parking deck, no buildings, just fat squirrels and lots of carbon dioxide-breathing trees. Maybe one of the environmentally conscious groups or student government, or even the alumni as a gesture of good will could adopt the forest.

Maybe the senior class could purchase the land and create a natural preserve so future generations of Tar Heels will have clean air and a campus as beautiful as the one we take for granted today. It could be kept as a symbol to those students that we can do something to improve the world we are preparing to enter. Maybe we can keep anyone from paving paradise to put up a parking lot.

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"It was the most amazing experience I have ever had. I got the best feeling because there were hundreds of thousands of people all marching for the same reason. It was such a high." — Lori Marks, a junior from Tunkhannock, Pa., on participating in "Housing Now," a national rally held in Washington, D.C. last weekend to draw attention to the problem of homelessness in the United States.

"This is an opinion survey, and it shows how well UNC is regarded around the country. I am very grateful for the high regard shown by the survey." — Chancellor Paul Hardin commenting on the announcement that UNC was ranked 18th overall and

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fourth among public universities in the U.S. News & World Report's annual survey of universities across America.

"You can't speak out on all the wrongs of the world at my forum if there's nothing I can do about it." — Administrative Trial Judge Delores Nescow, explaining that her decision to overrule a motion by UNC's attorney to dismiss the grievances of Keith Edwards was influenced by uncertainty over the extent of her authority in addressing issues of discrimination. Edwards, the University's only black

female police officer, has accused the department of racist hiring and promotion practices.

"I really think this is a personal vendetta against The Daily Tar Heel and us (the congress). I think Jeffrey Beall needs to go back and re-evaluate all he's done this semester and see what his motive was." — Gene Davis, speaker of Student Congress, commenting on an injunction filed by Student Congress representative Jeffrey Beall's (Dist. 7) involving a referendum to change the bylaws of the DTH so they agreed with the makeup of its Board of Directors.

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