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Bill Clinton for president

Four days before the most influential election in your lifetime, it's about time you did some serious thinking about which presidential candidate will be able to pull our country out of the dregs. After forcing the wads of mud through a sieve to distinguish the real issues from nonsensical debris, The Daily Tar Heel presents you with the rational choice for U.S. president, Bill Clinton.

Clinton adds substance to the issues in his campaign, thereby demanding substance from the other candidates, both of whom have responded with great anxiety and discomfort.

For example, Clinton understands the needs of the lower and middle classes. His platforms on health-care reform, education and the economy reflect his sensitivity to the issues that affect the majority of Americans instead of just the wealthy.

Health care has become a much more vital issue recently, due to the AIDS epidemic and the aging of the baby boom generation. Clinton recognizes the importance of looking at our present insurance crisis and planning a better future for the health of America.

By taking on the insurance agencies and decreasing health-care costs, Clinton will guarantee affordable, equal coverage for everyone. Some might argue that government should not get in the way of the insurance industry, but when millions of ailing Americans cannot afford to see a doctor, government has a responsibility to protect them.

Clinton also recognizes that if America is to have any future, it must teach its children. Our education system is sinking swiftly to the bottom of the pool of industrialized nations, even though the "education president" promised to keep it afloat four years ago.

Under President Bush, the Head Start program only has received one-third of the funding it needs. Clinton fully will fund the program, which teaches and encourages children from low-income and minority families to read.

Clinton plans to establish a trust fund to allow students to borrow college money that they can repay either through service occupations or as small portions of their income during a number of years. He also will use apprenticeships to ensure that non-college-bound students receive proper training and solid jobs in the work force. His innovative programs will reintroduce America's young people to interna-



tional education standards. Addressing America's economic plight has been difficult for all of the presidential candidates. One candidate claims that it's not as bad as we think it is, and one claims he has the recipe to fix it hidden away in his mansion. Clinton, on the other hand, acknowledges that America's economy is in trouble and does not claim to be its savior.

Clinton has a few solid ideas for pulling the economy back up onto its feet. He wants to take the IRS's hand out of the middle-class American's anemic pocket and reach into the bulging pockets of the top 2 percent of America's upper class. His educational programs will train highly skilled workers to make American industries competitive again.

As governor of Arkansas, Clinton balanced 11 consecutive budgets — something Bush never has done — and created manufacturing jobs at 10 times the national average.

If anything, he recognizes that something must be done quickly to salvage America's sagging economy.

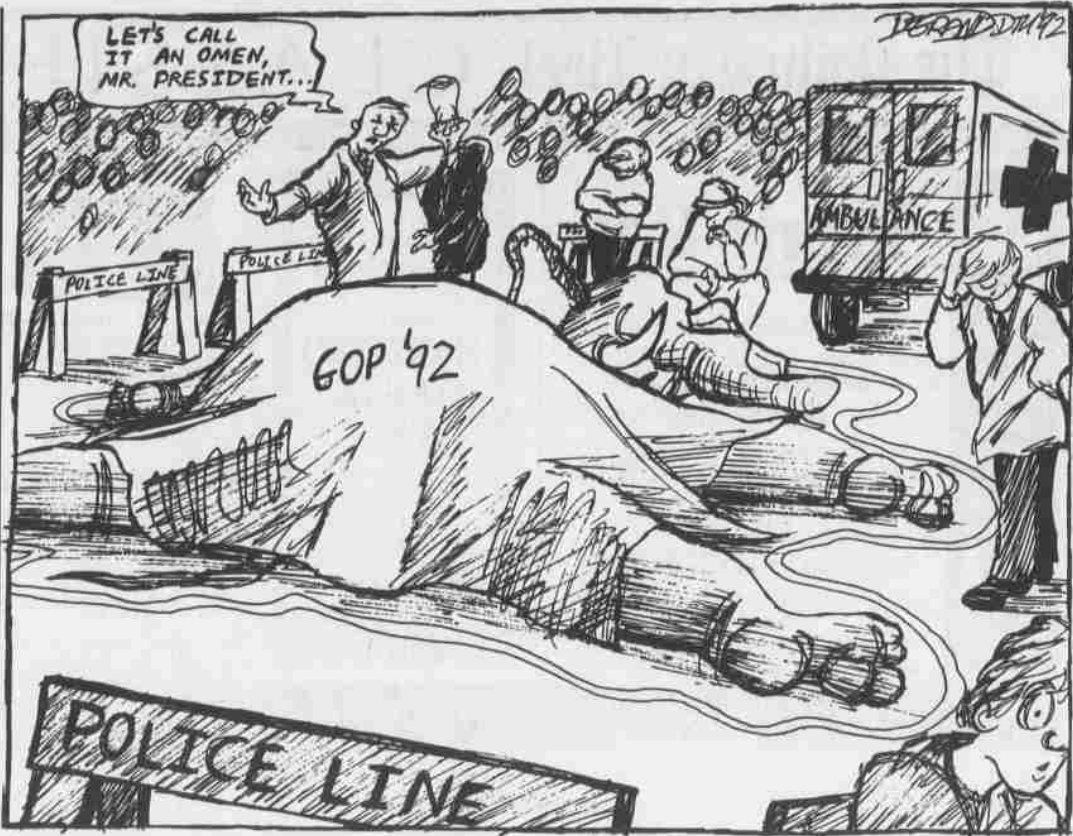
And if none of this convinces you that Clinton is the only choice for America's future, the "issue" of women's choice might help. Clinton supports the right of women to make their own decisions about their bodies, and he has said repeatedly that choice should not be a government issue. He is correct. There is no logical reason why male politicians should control women's reproductive choices.

Finally, Clinton accommodates the concerns of minorities. In Arkansas, he created the Division of Minority Business Development, which has given \$6.1 million in assistance to minority businesses and offers them financial advice.

He has reduced the number of unemployed blacks by 24 percent and, as governor, his staff is 22-percent black.

If anyone knows the trials and tribulations of real Americans, it is Bill Clinton. He grew up in a small Southern town — like many UNC students — with a mother who struggled to put food on his plate. Nevertheless, he was encouraged in his education and has "made it" in the fashion of the American dream. He has not forgotten his roots and will strive for opportunities for all Americans.

Vote for Bill Clinton on Tuesday — for a change.



Marilyn: Dorky, pretentious columnist from hell

The concept of ESP has been of interest to me lately. The concept has been in my head ever since I had a prediction come true. I successfully predicted the exact time a certain event would occur. Granted, this event was the television show "Full House," and though certain dim-witted detractors have attempted to discredit my achievement with such lame arguments as "that show comes on at the same time every day" or "you read that in the paper," I believe in my achievement. Especially since these arguments crumble when placed under even the loosest scientific scrutiny.

My curiosity piqued, which usually makes it chafe, I decided to call my parents and find out if they had ESP, on the assumption that such extra-sensory abilities must be hereditary, like the ability to roll one's tongue, the ability to detect an odd smell in urine after eating asparagus, or an extra row of teeth.

The phone rang about 40 times, as usual.

"Blow," answered my dad.

"Hey, dad, what's up? How you been? It's me, Jason."

"For you. You take it," my father yelled.

"What?" my mom asked as she picked up the phone.

"Hi, mom, it's me," I began.

"What the — it's him! Cut the line before he gets a trace!" she yelled to my father.

"Mom, wait, I ..."

It was too late. The next second there was the sharp clicking of a relay, and then the bone-jarring electric jolt that usually signals the end of a phone conversation with my parents.

The static dial tone filled the air as I lay on the floor, dazed, gripping the receiver in one spastically twitching hand.

I got up, my ear blackened and my head smoking, and realized what a bad idea it was to call my parents. I was understandably reluctant to talk to them, the result of being raised on a healthy diet of knuckle sandwiches washed

down with kidney punch. Besides, my parents couldn't have helped me anyway. The closest my dad ever came to prophecy was the statement "I'm going to fall asleep on the couch."

To get my mind off my thoughts, I decided to recycle all of the newspapers that have been accumulating. I don't subscribe to any, so it baffles me how we get so many. In the sink. Hm.

Anyway, as I was tossing the newspapers onto people's doorsteps (a method of recycling newspapers I prefer as it skips the middleman), I came across something that stayed my gaze like a bag of chili hurled at an office building: a Parade magazine, open to the "Ask Marilyn" column.

Now, I trust that all of us have encountered the Parade magazine insert in the Sunday paper, probably as you were hurling it out of the way to get to the comics, which it usually bundled with. And if you're familiar with Parade, then of course you realize that the "Ask Marilyn" column is written by none other than Marilyn Vos Savant, possessor of the world's highest IQ, according to Guinness.

Why do I bring up this column? Only for one trivial reason: I find it to be the single greatest waste of the human spirit and the most pretentious piece of crap I have ever encountered since they got that new guy to draw the Bazooka comics.

For the untainted, Marilyn Vos Savant writes this column because she has some inordinately high IQ, something along the lines of 28,005 or something. Her last name was not always Vos Savant, which means, of course, "The Smart One." Coincidence? Maybe. Dorky? Very.



Jason Torchinsky
Turn Your Head and Cough

But even she can't fully be blamed for this idiotic prattle published between feel-good stories, benevolent articles by Carl Sagan and ads selling collector's dolls of little kids wetting themselves or something equally cute. No, half of the blame must be placed on the fools who send her the mail that her column burns to run, like an incinerator. I can explain this best with an example from a few weeks ago:

Someone wrote in, asking about their dog, which was some Australian breed. They wanted to know if their dog could talk, what language would he speak, and if it was English, would he have an Australian accent?

After reading this question, it is easy to assume that Vos Savant really does have this high IQ and to know where the extra points must have come from. Who the hell would write such a thing? But at least it's an actual, answerable question — usually she gets questions like, "What is true morality?" or "Does this smell funny to you?" or "How tall is God?" in short, questions that have no bearing on how large one's IQ is, or even any answer at all.

Granted, she also gets her share of tedious brain teasers that she invariably solves, but how hard can this be when you can devote all of the time real people devote to something useful figuring them out?

I'll bet she has some book of those damn things, too. Figures. Yeah. And I bet the picture she uses is from high school.

I don't know why she bothers me so much. Her column seems to me to be proof that IQ really doesn't measure anything useful, anyway. After all, I can accomplish all this on an IQ, according to my mom, less than the speed limit. It just pains me to see valuable real estate in such a widely distributed magazine taken up by poor saps asking the wrong questions to the wrong person. What a ninny. Solidarity.

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TAR HEEL QUOTABLES

"We try not to censor books so that we can have a balanced collection with books from many different points of view In the past we've gotten books like 'The Joy of Sex,' and they never last very long."

UNC librarian David Taylor on Madonna's "Sex" and the book's chances of staying on the shelf if the Undergraduate Library acquires copies. Wilson expects to receive the book in two to six weeks.

"The photographs are pretty explicit, but not pornographic."
Intimate Bookshop manager Peter Mock, about the content of "Sex."

"I would really like to run in the council election (in 1993), and I thought this would be a good start."
Newly appointed Chapel Hill Town Council member Barbara Powell, on her new position.

"Surprise, surprise, surprise. We knew from the beginning that come hell or high water,

the council was going to appoint a black member."

Rejected applicant and local restaurant owner Paul Tripodi, sharing his feelings about the council's decision to have Powell, a black woman, fill Roosevelt Wilkerson's seat.

"Is \$300 too much to pay for someone's life?"
Student Congress Rep. Warren Hank, Dist. 7, speaking of a proposed allocation to the Carolina AIDS Resources Ensemble.

"We're not trying to lock students in. Frankly, we don't want to — this is not Central Prison."
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Donald Boulton, on the decision to make the 24-hour residence hall lockup permanent.

"The climate on this campus is as chilly for disabled students as it is for black students."
Margaret Saleeby, former coordinator of Learning Disability Services.

'Pro-lifers' insulated from realities of society

To the editor:
Michael Little's pro-life letter rhetoric had an amusing quality. He assumed that the pro-abortion letter written by my male friend, Francis Dillingier, was authored by a woman.

Aside from this blunder of perception, do any of you pro-lifers ever associate the words "crack baby" with unwanted pregnancy? If not, you are too insulated from the realities of our society.

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Clinton/Gore supporter out of place at Bush rally

To the editor:
In response to Claire Kirch's letter, printed in the Oct. 27 edition of the DTH, we would like to make a few comments.

First, Claire, we want to know what you were thinking. When you chose to attend the rally, which was clearly intended to support the REPUBLICAN candidates, did you really believe that your blatant Clinton/Gore display would be welcomed wholeheartedly?

We realize that you support Gov. Bill Clinton and his efforts, but (Clinton's favorite word, second only to CHANGE) face it Claire, you were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

For example, how many times have you been to a July 4th celebration and flaunted a Russian flag? How would you view someone who served alcohol at an AA meeting? Would you have attended the Homecoming pep rally with a sign which read GO JACKETS? Better yet, what reaction would you expect from supporters of Martin Luther King Jr. if you appeared at their rally in a white robe and hood?

Granted, these examples are very extreme, but you must agree that they parallel your actions at the president's

READERS' FORUM

ally. Being strong supporters of Bush, we also attended the rally and were very disturbed by such behavior as yours. Clinton was scheduled to bus into Durham in just a few days, and we could not understand why people like yourself could not wait to show support for him. Your behavior lacked all respect for our CURRENT PRESIDENT.

We apologize for those who found it necessary to "pelt" you with debris and harass you with harsh words, but next time, wear a hard hat.

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Local cyclists fail to obey the rules of the road

To the editor:
Each day, thousands of students ride their bikes to class. While many do so safely, others do not and actually break the law. In North Carolina, as in many other states, bicycles must follow all applicable laws that automobiles must follow. Many cyclists do not realize this or choose not to obey the laws. As a cyclist myself who has ridden seriously, raced and worked in the cycling industry, let me talk about two of the most ignored rules.

1. Cyclists must ride on the RIGHT side of the road. In other words, they must ride WITH the flow of traffic. Every day on my way from my apartment in Carrboro, I see several people riding on the left side of the road. Cyclists should ride on the right side of the road as close to the side as safely possible. Motorists should remember, though, that since bicycles are considered like motor vehicles, it is technically illegal to pass a cyclist without a dotted line.

2. Cyclists must obey all traffic signals. Just because it takes more effort to stop and start on a bicycle, cyclists do

not have the right to obey signals at their convenience. When a cyclist encounters a red light, he/she should STOP and wait until the light turns GREEN. They should not pretend to be a pedestrian and ride across the crosswalk. If there are cars already stopped at a red light and there is no bike lane, cyclists should stop behind the last car just as if they were driving themselves. They should NOT ride past the stopped cars and continue to ride through the red light. This is both illegal and dangerous. A car turning right on red might not see a cyclist sneaking up on the right.

In recent years, the popularity of cycling has risen tremendously. Along with this popularity come many new cyclists who do not understand the rules of the road. I hope to increase bicycle safety and awareness to protect and serve the sport of cycling. If any of you ever pass a guy on a black or white TREK bicycle who is stopped at a stop-light between Carrboro and campus, it is probably me, and I probably will be giving you a dirty look if you are being too lazy or ignorant to obey simple traffic laws.

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- If you have a title relevant to your letter's subject, please include it.

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