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Addressing the absurd

Once again, war-weary Chancellor Paul Hardin has leapt on the defensive. Turning to his faithful weapons of accusation and denial, our esteemed chancellor has chosen to wage a public relations war rather than directly address student concerns.

On Friday, the UNC Board of Governors echoed the student call for a re-evaluation of tenure allocation to University professors. While the BOG seemed open to examining a potential problem, Hardin refused to recognize the legitimacy of recent student protests that criticized the University for prioritizing research over teaching.

"It is unsettling for individual members of the board to react to news accounts and to suggest that any of our institutions punish good teaching," he said. "To suggest that is absurd."

Well, Chancellor Hardin, thousands of students who have signed recent petitions might beg to differ. Loyal graduates and undergraduates have rallied to save speech communication Assistant Professor Paul Ferguson, who has been honored with three teaching awards yet stands in jeopardy of losing his job.

Many more are troubled by the skewed tenure allocation process that disproportionately rewards professors who concentrate on the lab or the library

rather than the classroom. Several department heads have admitted publicly that tenure decisions place a greater emphasis on research than teaching or service to the University community.

Without a doubt, original research is a crucial component of any university. It delineates professors from high-school teachers. Top-caliber universities boast instructors who use their individual research to enhance their performance in the classroom, exposing students to cutting-edge discoveries.

But the overall equation for rewarding professors must balance these benefits with the primary mission of the University — educating its students. Instead of continuing to look the other way, Hardin should live up to his position at the helm of this University. The chancellor is meeting this week with a group of Ferguson's supporters. One can only hope the result will be more dialogue and fewer denials.

In addition, Hardin should launch a comprehensive review of tenure decisions made on this campus independent of the BOG inquiry. Such an investigation could provide insight into a complicated process that affects professors and the students they serve.

Go on Chancellor Hardin, give it a try. Take the lead.

Help wipe out ethnic cleansing

Death camps. Starvation and neglect. Ethnic cleansing. These are all words that remind us of a different era. These words were heard once before, in reference to the murders of 6 million Europeans during World War II.

One would think that the days of extermination of innocent masses were over. "Never again," world leaders said after allowing Hitler and his Nazi party to carry out the near-genocide of the Jewish people.

But the world is right back where it started — this time watching the Muslim and Croatian citizens of Bosnia march to their deaths. When most of us read the news reports and see the pictures of suffering people on television we feel sad momentarily. "How terrible," we think to ourselves.

A group of student activists at UNC has decided that rather than simply reading and watching the reports of atrocities, they want to educate the UNC community and raise funds for relief efforts.

The Bosnian Relief Committee has declared Nov. 16-23 Bosnian Awareness Week. The main events of the week will be a rally and speaker in the Pit at noon Thursday and an information session at 7 p.m. in room 121 of Hanes Art Center the same day.

During Bosnian Awareness Week, the Bosnian Relief Committee will have a table in the Pit where

they will distribute information about the crisis. To inform the campus community, the committee also will use an explicit video illustrating the severity of the Bosnian crimes against humanity.

Thanks to the Bosnian Relief Committee, UNC students and faculty are not doomed to sit back and do nothing while thousands of innocent Bosnian citizens are murdered. We now have the ability to discover what really is happening and to help fund relief efforts.

Go to the Pit to hear the speaker on Thursday or ask questions at the information session. And bring a friend. If Thursday is too busy, stop by the table in the Pit one day this week and talk with some of the students on the committee. Don't simply put the newspaper down and feel 15 seconds of sadness.

Find out what you can do to help change the ill fate of the Muslim and Croat peoples in Bosnia. If you don't help them, who will?

It is appalling that each time atrocities like these are uncovered, we pledge to ourselves that they will not happen again. One would think gross injustice would have been alleviated long ago in our civilized, modern world. Instead, we are still fighting it.

Join the army. Help bury ethnic genocide deep in the ground.

Eat out tonight for charity

Sick of Lenoir food? Tired of making meals at home? Well, then today's the day to eat out.

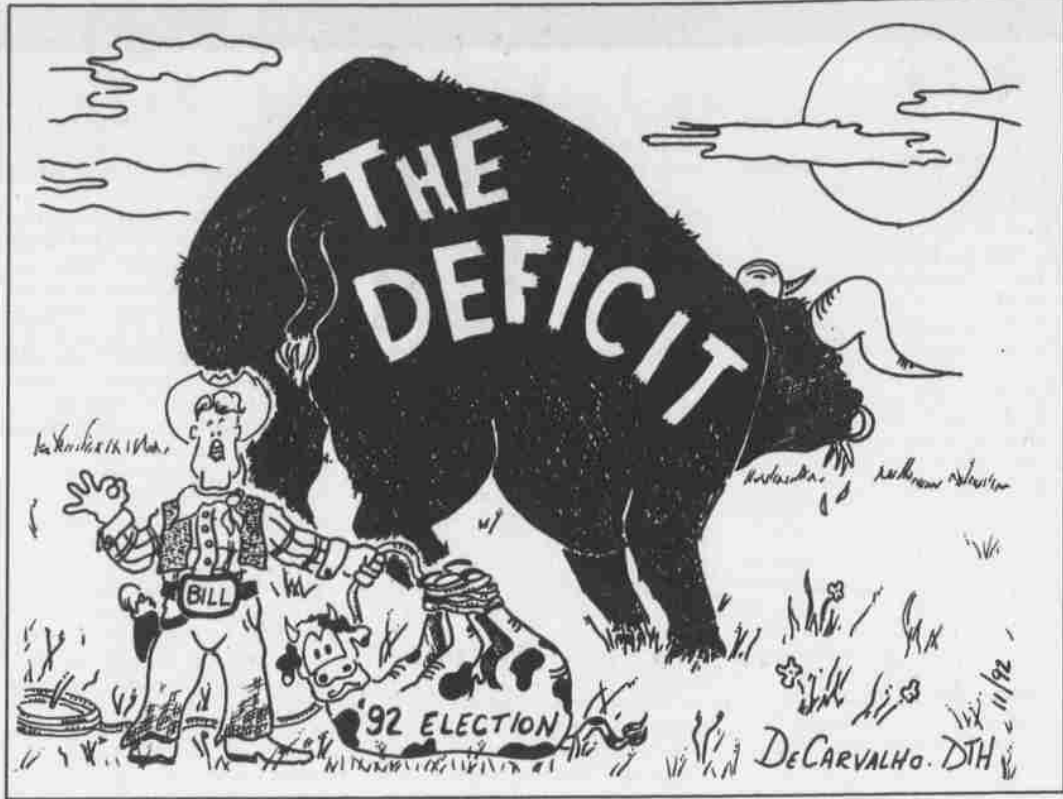
More than 50 restaurants in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area will donate 10 percent of their profits

today to the Inter-Faith Council as part of a program called RSVVP or Restaurants Sharing V(5) plus V(5) Percent. The following local restaurants are participating:

Allen and Son Bar-B-Q
Aurora
Back Street's Cafe
Ben and Jerry's
Breadman's
Bud and Eb's Grill and Tavern
Cafe Lorenzo at Broad Street
Carolina Coffee Shop
Carolina Inn — Garden Room
Carboro Cafe at Weaver St. Market
Chick-Fil-A
Columbia Street Bakery
Country Junction
Cracovia
Crocok's Corner
Cucina Rustica
Dave's Seafood
Dip's Country Kitchen
Domino's Pizza
Dragon's Garden
El Rodeo
Elmo's Diner
Farrington House
Four Eleven West
Franklin St. Bar and Grill

Golden China Restaurant
Ham's
Hardback Cafe
Hello Delit
Henry's Bistro
Hunam Restaurant
Il Pallo at the Sienna Hotel
Jade Palace
Landlubber's Seafood Restaurant
La Residence
Lizzie Mae's Country Kitchen
Looking Glass Cafe
Maggie's Cafe and Espresso Bar
Marco Polo
Margaret's
Mariakakis Restaurant
Mark's Cafe
Market Cafe at Farrington
Marto's Pizza
Mediterranean Deli
Nothing Could Be Finer Market Cafe
Oriental Garden Chinese and Thai Restaurant
Papagayo
Penguins at Wellspring
Pepper's Pizza

Pizza Chef Gourmet
Pyewacket Restaurant
Restaurant Halina
Rubens at the Omni Europa
Sal's Pizza and Restaurant
Second City Grill
Shoney's
Skylight Exchange
Slug's at the Pines Restaurant
Spanky's Restaurant
Squid's Restaurant and Oyster Bar
Subway — Downtown
Subway — Eastgate
Subway — Glenwood Shopping Center
Subway — Timberlyne
Sunrise Biscuit Kitchen
Sunshine Cafe
Swag's Cafe
Teddy's Restaurant at Holiday Inn
Thai Palace
Tijuana Fats
Tripos's Deli and Restaurant
Tsing Tao Restaurant
Ye Olde Waffle Shop
Zorba's Cafe



Israel: still waiting for its Charles De Gaulle

Almost five months ago, in a political change that foreshadowed the recent American election, Israeli voters voted the conservative Likud government out of office.

There were, of course, many parallels to the American election. The Likud campaign tried to raise questions about Rabin's character: Television ads publicized a widely called telephone number on which Israeli voters could listen to an account of then General Rabin's physical and nervous breakdown on the eve of the Six Day War.

Likud campaigners distributed plastic cups inscribed with slogans accusing Rabin of having drinking problems. In a response that mirrored Bill and Hillary Clinton's "60 Minutes" Jennifer Flowers confession, Rabin went on television to discuss frankly both his drinking habits (which he confirmed) and his pre-war breakdown (Rabin reminded voters that without his military leadership and strategy, Jerusalem would still be in Jordan's hands).

Rabin won, and 13 years of conservative Likud rule were over. Like Clinton, Rabin won with much less than the majority of the popular vote. But Rabin's return to political power was greeted with enthusiasm and euphoria in Israel and in the United States that was unmatched until, of course, Bill Clinton's victory.

To be sure, in Israel there was never any of the hyped nonsense about the New Camelot in Little Rock, never any of the silly comparisons between Clinton and JFK.

For in the cynical, pessimistic Israeli political culture, Rabin could never compare himself to the country's only heretofore politician, David Ben-Gurion.

Rabin prematurely was anointed by the Israeli intelligentsia and many left-liberal-naive American Jews as Israel's Charles De Gaulle, a heroic-mystical figure so politically powerful and pragmatic that he could unite Israelis of all political stripes and unilaterally pull Israel out of the occupied territories and also arrange a real peace treaty with the

many Arab countries at war with the Jewish state.

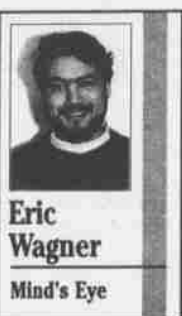
De Gaulle had it much easier.

Rabin began his administration by polarizing the voters who elected him. Rabin appointed Shulamit Aloni, a radically left-wing politician to the highly sensitive position of minister of education. Aloni, in a childish display of vengeance against the political-religious establishment which had rightly shut her out for years, began to make her radical views on Judaism widely known.

In a country where the political and emotional balance between religious and non-religious Jews is at best shaky, Aloni's outbursts about the meaning of the Bible inflamed Israel's religious population. Her position at the head of the powerful Ministry of Education worried many Orthodox and Hasidic Jews whose schools depend on the Ministry's financial largess. Most of the religious parties that had joined Rabin's parliamentary coalition walked out because of Aloni's appointment, and Rabin's coalition weakened.

The Aloni appointment was a particularly stupid political move, but Rabin will survive it. Israel's deteriorating security situation, however, could well force Rabin to abandon his party's doves, like Aloni, and to act dramatically.

Fighting in southern Lebanon between Israeli troops and Hizbollah guerrillas intensified recently. Several Israeli soldiers were killed by roadside bombs, and the pro-Iranian Hizbollah guerrillas have shot 50 Katushya rockets into northern Israeli towns, forcing their residents into the familiar bomb shelters. The Israel Defense Force massed tanks and troops on the border between Israel and Lebanon to deter



Eric Wagner
Mind's Eye

further attacks, and the air force destroyed several Hizbollah camps.

The tension on the Israel-Lebanon border is not especially unusual, but it is an embarrassment for Rabin. While Rabin's peace negotiators in Washington apparently are proposing to return most of the Golan Heights to Syria in exchange for a peace treaty, it turns out that Syria, which essentially controls Lebanon, is allowing weapons, money and intelligence to reach the Hizbollah guerrillas.

On the West Bank, after the Labor government stopped the building of new settlements, reopened schools, unblocked roadways, pardoned thousands of Palestinians from prison and supervised local elections, Rabin is again confronted with a political embarrassment and a resounding we-told-you-so from conservative Israelis. Because the violence of the Intifadah largely has been turned inward, Rabin now has a difficult time convincing Israelis that the Palestinians peacefully will be able to govern themselves.

In what has been described as the "Palestinian Meltdown," Palestinian political factions have degenerated into violent death squads. The Black Panther gang, allied with Fatah; the Red Eagles gang, allied with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine; and the al-Kassem gang, allied with the Islamic Fundamentalist Hamas, are terrorizing the Palestinian population. Beheadings, mutilations, gouging out of eyes and pouring acid or molten plastic on victims' faces have become commonplace.

The euphoria that followed Rabin's election now firmly has been replaced by reality. Rabin's spoor domestic moves and the rising tensions on Israel's borders and in the West Bank seriously are weakening Rabin's mandate for change and for peace.

Israel still waits for its De Gaulle.

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READERS' FORUM

Department chairman's statement misunderstood

To the editor:
I was rather distressed to find myself inaccurately quoted in The Daily Tar Heel in a news story dealing with the tenure process.

I was quoted as having said regarding faculty participation in research, "That's what they are hired for. That's what they are evaluated on (sic)." What I actually said was that in a major research university, you would naturally expect that the research productivity and research promise is of great import in making hiring decisions and continues to be a major factor in tenure and promotion decisions.

I was sufficiently disturbed by the inaccurate quotation that I spoke to Anna Griffin, University editor, about my concerns. She said that she was surprised when she saw the quotes and had the author of the article recheck them. I thought it would have been far wiser to contact me to recheck them rather than

to ask the author. She further advised me that in the future I should always ask to have quotes read back. In the future, it seems to me, that the editors and the writers of stories ought to read back quotes to those whom they are attempting to quote directly.

To add insult to injury, and as a testament to communication problems at The Daily Tar Heel, on the following day, Wednesday, the lead editorial misquotes and further distorts the intent of my communication. At least in the news article it indicated that I said that teaching was also important. The editorial writer chooses to use the misquotes as evidence that "Faculty members and department chairmen make no bones about the fact that research—not teaching—reign supreme as a factor that can make or break a tenure-track professor."

While the author of the editorial initially writes as if he or she understands the nature of the demands and characteristics of a research university, he chooses to lose that perspective and make a sophomoric argument about the

central importance of classroom teaching to the undergraduate mission of the University.

In our department, and I think in most others at the University, we strive to attract, as members of the faculty, people who have a broad range of competencies, not the least of which is the capacity to be excellent teachers. Moreover, we are very frequently successful in finding highly talented people who are capable of making contributions to many aspects of the University's mission.

Perhaps it would be more seemly for The Daily Tar Heel to celebrate our success in finding, attracting and retaining multitalented people, rather than bemoaning the fact that on occasion, people whose capacity to contribute to the range of the University's mission is limited to one area and to demand that those limited in that way be granted permanent tenure.

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'Tis the week to help the hungry and homeless

Editor's note: The author is co-chairwoman of the Hunger and Homelessness Outreach Project.

To the editor:
From Nov. 16 through Nov. 20, UNC will be observing National Hunger and Homelessness Week. Sponsored by the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness nationally and by the Hunger and Homelessness Outreach Project on campus, the week serves to raise awareness among students.

There will be activities this week on 500 campuses across the country. On our campus, we have planned many exciting events.

The week began yesterday with our keynote speaker, Jane Crosby, the director of Oxfam Fast for World Harvest. Monday also marked the kick off of the week-long Sleepout for the Homeless, co-sponsored by HOPE and Habitat for Humanity. Individuals and groups will be sleeping out in the Pit

through Thursday to raise awareness and funds for the homeless. We hope to have teams from many different campus groups — from athletic teams to religious groups — out there each night.

Today, the sleepout will continue, and area restaurants will sponsor RSVVP night. Each year these restaurants pledge to give 10 percent of their proceeds from dinner to an area shelter; proceeds from participating Chapel Hill restaurants will go to the Inter-Faith Council Community House.

The many restaurants in our area that are taking part have posted signs in their windows, so be sure to support them today.

Wednesday, begins the annual Oxfam Fast for World Harvest. Individuals will be fasting from 5 p.m. Wednesday until 5 p.m. Thursday, getting pledges and giving off their meal cards, all for Oxfam America. The fast is a huge event, with participation from the community, faculty and staff as well as students. Thou-

sands of dollars are raised every year to benefit the grass-roots development projects of Oxfam America, and we are planning for an even bigger success this year.

Thursday will bring the conclusion of the fast and the sleepout. The Newman Center is hosting a Break-fast at 5 p.m.; there will be food and a program to commemorate the successful fast.

After the Break-fast, Habitat for Humanity is hosting Dave McDaniels, director of Campus Chapters of Habitat International, as our second keynote speaker. He will speak in the Pit as the finale for the sleepout.

All in all, we are going to have a week full of great learning and sharing opportunities, and we hope you will be able to enjoy it with us.

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