

Opinion

Guest Column

Glenn Anderson



Support United Fund

Being an avid football fan, I have seen a few games where one team's performance varied significantly from the first half to the second.

That's a pretty good analogy of this year's United Fund campaign. We got off to a roaring start, reaching better than 50% of the campaign goal early on. Our performance in the 'second half' has been the direct opposite. In an effort to understand what is happening and why, I have sought the wisdom and advice of my division chairpersons and our president. Any effort to evaluate campaign performance includes many subjective assumptions. Still, there are some elements of the campaign that are clear and discernible.

The School Division, chaired by Dr. Bob McRae, eclipsed its goal last week and is currently at 105%. That comes as no surprise to anyone given the quality of leadership and commitment to the community on the part of their staff, faculty and school employees. Congratulations to each of you and thanks for a job well done.

The back bone of our campaign is the Industrial Division, and Pat Carter is doing an admirable job of directing their efforts. The employees of the various plants in the area have come through most generously. Its interesting to note that inspite of lagging business and the economic uncertainty we all face, as a group, the rank and file industrial employees have started down that obstacle and continued with their financial support of the Campaign. To those individuals we applaud you for your commitment and offer a heart-felt thanks for the sacrifices you make to insure a successful campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bridges are enjoying good success in the Advanced Gifts/Correspondence Division. They have achieved 82% of their goal and are well on their way of reaching the 100% mark. The other division chairpersons are working feverishly to generate pledges and collections. I appreciate the enormous efforts of all of our division leaders.

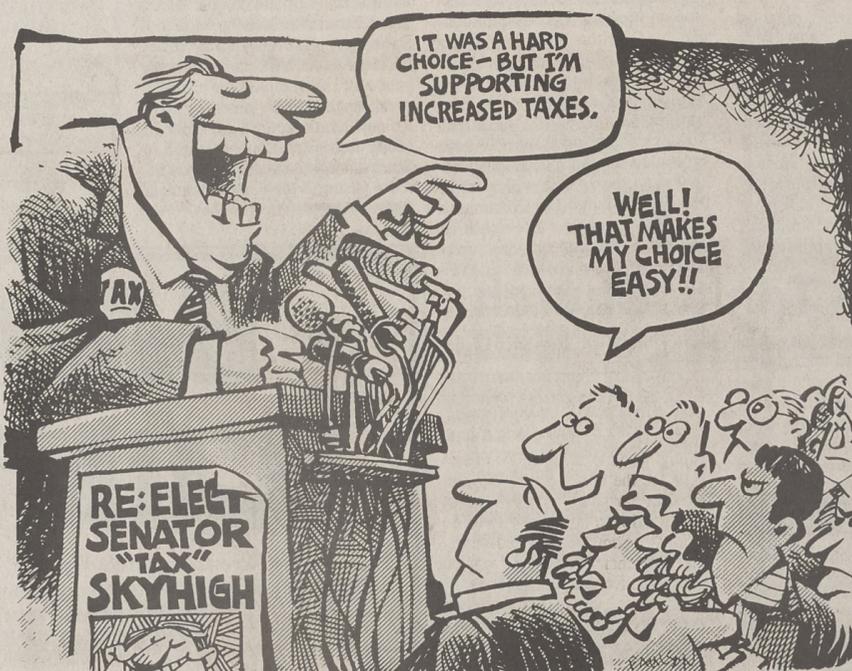
We began the campaign with two unique objectives. One was the largest budget we have ever set, the other was to conclude by Oct. 31. I remain firmly convinced the monetary goal will be attained. I'm not as certain we will achieve it by month-end. To be very frank, one objective was a matter of convenience, the other has clearly more serious ramifications. While most of us are familiar with the various agencies of the United Way, it's easy to overlook the plight of those individuals who use their services that we may not know. In that case we may not fully perceive how critical those needs are. Then there's the case of someone we may have known that has declined assistance. I bring this up because as I have visited around the community that unfortunate situation is occasionally brought up. I can't speak to those particular situations, nor is it my purpose to challenge anyone or defend any decisions that may have been made. I can tell you that the Agencies operate in an environment where needs simply outstrip resources available to them in any cases. I can also tell you that some of the most caring, conscientious people I have ever met work with (many on a volunteer basis) our agencies. When you consider the tremendous volume of help and assistance provided by the agencies, you begin to understand and appreciate the value of life they add to their client.

It comes down to matter as simple as this: for those that are financially able, are you concerned enough to make a difference in the lives of those around you that need your help? The easiest thing in the world to do is to move on from this article to another. I'm asking you on behalf of those nameless, faceless people whom you may never know, to please respond with your donation or pledge. Our Campaign is presently faltering, will you accept the challenge to make a difference in the outcome?

As of Oct. 22, 1990, we have \$88,943.00 in collections and pledges, representing 70% of the total goal of \$127,500.00.

(Glenn Anderson is chairman of the Kings Mountain United Fund).

Cartoonitorial



Is That Trick Or Treat?

Well, it's almost Halloween again, and every time it comes around I'm reminded of my favorite story.

There was a lady in Greensboro, I think it was, who decided she would pull a fast one on her husband one Halloween night a few years back. She dressed the kiddies in their scariest costumes and took them trick or treating. The couple agreed, as was their custom, she would bring the children by the house, after canvassing the neighborhood, so that their father could see them in action.

She, herself, wore her fur coat, and nothing else. I mean, underneath the coat she was naked as the day she was born.

The playful mother rang the door bell, and, as the door opened threw open the coat and said, in her most seductive voice, "trick or treat."

What she didn't know was that her husband had asked his buddy next door to snap a picture of the kids when they came calling. So, when the door opened, the flashbulb flashed and the neighbor got a great picture of his buddy's wife in the altogether.

Boy, Halloween certainly has changed since I was a boy. Of course, everything has changed since that long ago time. I keep forgetting I'm no spring chicken anymore. Anyway, as a youngster in York, we kids were happy just to cover our faces and go to town on Halloween night.

Remember "false faces?" That's what everybody wore and the standard joke at school that day was when another kid would come up to you and ask "why did you wear your false face to school today?" Of course you didn't have one on, so everybody got a chuckle. Clever huh?

My favorite disguise was a Lone Ranger mask. I remember always being certain nobody would recognize me in such an elaborate get-up. As well as I recall they cost ten cents. False faces went for as much as 39 cents. Today, parents pay as much as fifty bucks to dress their children in costumes ranging from witches and vampires to Dick Tracy.

There wasn't much trick or treating going on around York in those days. Mostly kids just paraded around town or went to a party.

There were tricks. A favorite was the overturning of outhouses by some of the older youngsters. I've heard many stories of teenagers falling in the hole. Ugh!

JIM HEFFNER  
Columnist



That's disgusting, but it used to happen.

I remember one Halloween when a couple of my cousins and I decided we'd smear soap all over my Uncle Louis Doster's car. Louis was ready for us. As soon as we finished, he sort of materialized from the shadows with a hose in his hand. "Ok, boys," he said, "now that you've got it soaped up good, you may as well finish the job." We had to wash his car before we could continue our mischief.

I guess about the best Halloween prank I ever took part in occurred when I was stationed with the U.S. Navy in Okinawa.

There was a Chief Petty Officer named Gotto whose sole purpose was to make life miserable for us North American Blue Jackets. I don't remember what the Chief's specific duty was, but he used to drive around in a yellow jeep, and if he saw a sailor discard a cigarette on the ground or if he spotted someone without a hat, which was called out of uniform, or any petty infraction of the rules, he took great pleasure in putting the perpetrator on report.

Along came Halloween and away went Gotto's jeep. It was a great mystery to almost everyone. The jeep just seemed to disappear into thin air. There were plenty of navy blue jeeps around. There was even a sprinkling of gray jeeps on the base, but no yellow jeep in sight.

Nobody seemed to notice that one of the gray jeeps parked outside the enlisted men's club had a fresh coat of paint. It had been a simple matter to get the guys in the paint shop to run the jeep through and stencil new ID numbers on it--took about 45 minutes as I recall.

Chief Gotto was without his transportation for over a month before anyone caught on. He took to riding a bicycle, which brought a great deal of satisfaction to a number of young sailors.

Action Needs To Remain On The Playing Field

By now you've probably heard that there was supposed to be a gang present at last week's Kings Mountain-Shelby football game to "get" one of the Kings Mountain players.

Normally, I wouldn't devote an inch of space to a jerk who would threaten violence at a high school football game. But because there has been violence at other games in this area this year, including a killing at a game in Charlotte, we mention it to salute local school and city officials who took the matter seriously and did such a great job of preventing anything from happening.

Approximately a week and a half before the game, someone reportedly attached a note to the car of a KM player (supposedly from a gang) saying they'd "get" him at Shelby game. Within days rumors were spread-

ing like wildfire and word got to police departments in both Shelby and Kings Mountain.

When violence occurs at football games it will probably not be advertised in advance. That kind of thing just happens. But we commend the Kings Mountain

GARY STEWART  
Editor



Your Right To Say It

Vote for Weatherly

To the editor:  
On behalf of the citizens of the 48th N.C. House district, I would like to commend Rep. John Weatherly, Republican of Cleveland County, on a job well done in his first term to the North Carolina House of Representatives. In his first term, Rep. Weatherly fought to lower taxes, encouraged cuts in wasteful spending, worked to preserve traditional family values, and authored legislation to make the roads of North Carolina safer for us all.

In his first term he has proven how effective a Representative can be. I am truly grateful for all of his hard work and uncompromising dedication he has given to the state and the district. With all that Rep. Weatherly has done for our district, we would be regretting if we didn't reelect him to the N.C. House. So, on November 6, vote for lower taxes, family values and safer roads. Vote for John Weatherly, N.C. House of Representatives.

Sincerely,  
Timothy K. Moore  
Kings Mountain

Thanks to merchants

To the editor:  
On behalf of the Kings Mountain Optimist Club, I would like to say a special thank you to the merchants who helped make our homecoming game and activities a big success.

My sincere appreciation to Allen's Flower Shop, Dee's Florist, Kings Mountain Florist, Floating Affections, Weiner Works, and Kings Mountain Office Supply. Also, to Mrs. Lavender and Mr. Ellis of Kings Mountain High School for working with us to provide us with the beautiful arch and scenery.

A special thanks also to those who donated door prizes: Ed and Penny Anthony, C&S Mart, Clark Tire, Cooper Furniture, Dellinger's Jewel Shop, Grover Industries, Heilig-Meyers, Paul's Seafood, Lees Auction, Little Dans #1, Loves Fish Box, McGinnis Department Store, McGinnis Furniture, Pic n Pay, Triple A Sports and Wade Ford.

Kings Mountain Optimist, the Pop Warner football players and the cheerleaders are truly grateful for your support.

Jenny Rikard  
KM Optimist Homecoming Chairman

News Deadlines

The Kings Mountain Herald welcomes your news items for publication in each Thursday's paper. We ask that you follow these deadlines when submitting material.

The deadline for social news including weddings, anniversaries, reunions, engagements, birthdays, club news, church news, etc., is Friday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for A section news, including community and school activities, sports news, etc., is Tuesday at 5 p.m. News of Tuesday night meetings and other activities will be accepted until 10 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Call your items of interest into the Herald at 739-7496 or bring them by our office on East King Street at Canterbury Road.

Kings Mountain People

Do you know someone who is special. Maybe he or she has worked the same job for many years, or volunteers time to help others, or has a hobby that others would like to read about.

If so, give us a call at 739-7496 and recommend that we do a story on your friend for our weekly Kings Mountain People feature.

Police Department and KM Schools for taking extra precautions.

Chief Warren Goforth not only assigned extra officers to work the game (there are usually four policemen assigned to varsity football games) but also saw to it that extra lights were installed in dark areas. Bethlehem, Kings Mountain and Oak Grove fire departments also provided light trucks and several K-9 units were assigned.

Police used metal detectors to check suspicious-looking characters at each gate, and even though a few pocket knives were found, Chief Goforth said not a single weapon, like a gun or large knife, was found.

"Everything turned out real well," Goforth said. "We had a few incidents that you're always going to have at

See Football, 13A

Sidewalk Survey

What is your favorite soap opera or TV show?



JANIE MOORE  
'Perry Mason.' I think soaps have got so silly I've quit watching them.



PAULINE BRIDGES  
'As The World Turns.' I've been watching that show for years.



BERTIE STEWART  
'As The World Turns.' I've been a faithful fan for the life of the show.



NELLIE HARRISON  
'General Hospital.' It's always full of mystery and romance.



ISABEL ELLIS  
'Paradise' on Saturday night. I watch it for entertainment.



SHARON EAKER  
'Cosby Show.' It's good, clean fun and makes me laugh.

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