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Welcome to the first issue of the *Carolina Review* of 2000. It looks like everyone survived the doomsday predictions, and the Y2K bug went virtually unnoticed. This issue brings you exclusive interviews with Student Body President candidates, a review of the USSA funding controversy that Student Congress attempted to sneak in just before exams began, the latest reactions from the Greek community regarding Josh Fennell's "caustic" column, "Fraternities Provoke Gang Rape" and a special article on Elian Gonzalez.

The most important issue facing our campus, and as a result, other UNC campuses, is the debate over tuition. We have asked the SBP candidates to address this issue, but we would be in remiss if we did not comment on the state of affairs that brings us to this debate. After the *Daily Tar Heel* reported that UNC had fallen in the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, Professors Salemi and Guilkey produced a report asserting that UNC is losing professors to peer Research I institutions because of declining salaries in relation to them. While stating that UNC is in danger of losing professors to other institutions, Professors Guilkey and Salemi overlooked the statistics from 1995 through 1999 that show that 12 professors and executive personnel left UNC in that period, while 17 came to Chapel Hill. Of those numbers, only four of those staff members went to peer institutions and three went to a peer institution that was classified as a Research I university. Of the 17 professors and executive personnel that came to UNC in the period of 1995-1999, nine came from peer institutions and of those nine, five came from peer institutions that were classified as Research I universities. Despite the greedy paws of Salemi, Guilkey and other professors, UNC continues to attract more professors and executive personnel than leave and a substantial number of them do, in fact, come from peer institutions. While students should pay a fair rate for their education, a \$1500 tuition increase clearly violates the North Carolina Constitution, requiring that an education be provided at the lowest possible cost to students. The motivations behind this proposed increase are highly questionable.

Another recent cause of concern is the renewed push to increase student fees by \$3 in order to fund an off campus lobbying organization known as the USSA. Student Congress members Erica Smiley, who interned at the USSA this past summer, and Corye Barbour, who is on the USSA's Board of Directors, are leading the push to fund this liberal organization. To start sending student fees to off campus organizations that have no affiliation to the University sets a dangerous precedent and I hope you will read Matt Roberson's full length article on this important issue.

You may have noticed that the *Review* has made a few changes. Scott Rubush graduated in December and I have taken on the job of Publisher. I hope that you all enjoy our slightly new look, rest assured that we continue to provide conservative commentary on campus events.

Sincerely Yours,

Nathan Byerly
Publisher

Student Body President Election 2000 Coverage

Exclusive Interviews with the Candidates

On February 15th, UNC students will cast their vote for the next Student Body President. We sent each of the candidates the same twenty questions and have given them a chance to tell you who they are, what is important to them and why they should be President. Only within our pages can you read the candidates' unedited responses to these tough questions.

Michael Harris

Full Name : Michael Scott Harris

Year and Major : Jr, Political Science/History

Hometown : Shelby, NC

Favorite Pet: Basset hound dog- Mine is named Barney

Favorite type of music: James Taylor- He's not his own type, but he should be!

Favorite book : The Firm by John Grisham

Favorite movie: Air Force 1 with Harrison Ford

Favorite class taken at UNC: Amst 94-The Role of the University in American Life: UNC with Professor Rachel Willis

Spent last summer... I worked at my local YMCA as a Day Camp counselor working with 5-10 year olds. I also worked at a local grocery store to earn extra money.

Career plans: I interested in working inside North Carolina state government especially in legislative affairs and education policy.

Favorite U.S. President and why: My favorite U.S. president is James K. Polk. He is a Tar Heel, that more can you ask for! Seriously though, he was probably the most effective president in our history. He entered office with three platform goals and left after one term. At the end of his term, he had completed all three goals. Polk proves that even if you serve only one term you can be effective and accomplish many goals.

Three historical figures I'd like to meet and why: Three historical figures I'd like to meet would be Jesus Christ, Thomas Jefferson, and Ghandi. Jesus has not only been one of the most influential people in

my life, but also one of the most influential in all of human history. Thomas Jefferson is the greatest American ever. He was a philosopher, writer, farmer, politician, and much more. To meet someone of his great intellect would be extremely enlightening for me. I would also like to meet Ghandi. Ghandi truly believed in a government for the people and making a difference. To meet any of these would be a tremendous honor as they are three of the greatest people ever!

What qualifies you to be Student Body President?

I have been very active since arriving at UNC. I have been a member of the Marching Tar Heels playing trumpet. This dedication every single week since my first day here shows my dedication to Carolina and Carolina pride. Unlike many candidates, I know what real student self-governance is. Until the campaign started, I was a student attorney for the Honor Court. I served both as defense and investigation counsels for students charged with violating the Honor Code. You know student governance is real when you sit at a table with someone who just got kicked out of your University because they cheated on a test. I care about the issues. Some people run for popularity or for their ego- I'm running because I want student government to be for the students!!!

What is your position on the proposed increase in tuition and if you oppose it, what solutions can you offer to the University's concerns?

I am AGAINST the current tuition proposal This is not a position I take lightly. The NC legislature must be convinced to take responsibility for higher education. We certainly MUST help with the victims of Hurricane Floyd, but the General Assembly has a responsibility to us as well. I will take the tuition fight as far as necessary to save our education. Only after

the General Assembly fails to do this should we look to other sources. We should take our first fight to Raleigh, however!

What is your position on the Supreme Court case, Southworth v. Grebe? Should students be compelled "to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves" or are student fees necessary for the "intellectual climate"?

This is an issue which must certainly be addressed. I would encourage all students to get involved in this debate. I am not naïve enough to think I have all the answers. All of our students should be involved in this decision. This should NOT be decided by a few people up in Suite C. Any decision of this magnitude should be made by a vote of the entire student body. If students do not wish to have their funds spent on organizations they don't agree with- then I will make their government comply with that request. The most important part is everyone be involved in the decision.

Faculty members often complain that departments such as Women's Studies and Leisure Studies consume resources disproportionate to the number of students majoring in these disciplines, thereby diverting resources from more traditional studies like English and history. How do you plan to address this problem?

We certainly must evaluate where we spend all our resources. I will not advocate the removal of any department of study. As Student Body President, I will advocate the administration to look at all areas of expenditures. There is money to be saved (see Student Stores); let's find the waste and remove it. With these savings, we can help departments who need the funds.

Do you support the University's policy of using race and gender preferences in admissions?

UNC must not sacrifice its academic standards. It lowers the value of everyone's diploma. A diverse student body is also necessary. Only after all of the academic obligations are met should other criteria be considered in the admissions process.

What is the most pressing issue facing UNC students?

Tuition! Tuition! Tuition! This debate is focusing on a fundamental change in higher education in this state. For over 200 years, the NC legislature has supported higher education through state appropriations. WE CAN NOT ALLOW A NEW PRECEDENT TO BE SET! This will affect current Carolina students and those to come. Molly Broad's proposal will be debated under our next president. We must have someone who will command respect in Raleigh. I can be that voice for Carolina and I hope

the student body gives me the opportunity to work for them.

You're the track master for Amtrak railways. A speeding train containing the entire staff of The Daily Tar Heel is heading straight for a bridge that is out. Meanwhile, Coach Kay, tired of playing second fiddle to Carolina's basketball program, has tied Dean Smith to a second track running parallel to the speeding train. You can do nothing and the train will plummet over the edge into a river, killing the entire DTH staff, or you can switch the tracks and save the DTH staff, but kill the beloved Dean Smith in the process. What would you do?

I would run up to Dean Smith and ask him to coach again and move the students to the lower level. Of course, he would agree to this. I'm sure the DTH staff would sacrifice themselves for the greater good of Carolina basketball!

Tell us a joke.

Two guys were driving down I-40 when they got pulled over by the highway patrol. The trooper walks up and taps on the driver's window, the driver rolls it down, and the trooper smacks the driver in the head with his night stick.

"Ow!" says the driver. "Why'd you do that?"

The trooper says, "You're in North Carolina, son. When I pull you over, you'll have your license ready."

The driver says, "I'm sorry, officer; I'm not from around here."

The trooper writes the guy a ticket and gives his license back, then walks around to the car's passenger side and taps on the window. The passenger rolls down the window, and the trooper hits him with his night stick.

"Ow!" says the passenger. "What'd you do that for?"

The trooper says, "Just making your wish come true."

"What the heck does that mean?" the guy asks.

"Two miles down the road, you were gonna say, "I wish that lousy punk would have tried that crap with me!"

Matthew Martin

Full Name : Matthew Grady Therman Martin

Year and Major : Junior majoring in Business Administration

Hometown: Goldsboro, NC

Favorite Pet: Dog-Staffy Bull Terrier

Favorite type of music: Urban Gospel and Alternative

Favorite book: *Just As I Am* by Billy Graham

Favorite movie: "Dumb and Dumber"

Favorite class taken at UNC: Business 130-Operations Management

Spent last summer... I spent last summer in Chapel Hill working as a waiter at *Il Palio Ristorante*. I also worked as an intern with the youth group at my church.

Career plans: My plans are not definite but I have a strong interest in business and serving the community.

Favorite U.S. President and why: I love Ronald Reagan because of his eternal optimism and common sense.

Three historical figures I'd like to meet and why: I would like to meet William Jennings Bryan, Jesus of Nazareth, and Alexander the Great. William Jennings Bryan was a man of principle that fought to the death for the things he believed. He was an uncompromising pacifist and a champion of the common American at the turn of the last century. He held to the ideal that government is made to serve the people that it governs.

Jesus of Nazareth was a revolutionary who radically changed the world. No other man has ever had such a deep impact on all of mankind. He is espoused as Savior by many, prophet by many, teacher by many, and exceptional individual by all. I would like to have been present to see the man himself and sense his very aura and charisma as he delivered the famous "Sermon on the Mount".

Alexander the Great was the mightiest warrior the world has ever seen. He conquered the entire known world. Though he was emperor of the entire world, he kept a close connection to his troops. To the very end, he was a Macedonian soldier who had a strong sense of tradition. If I had to fight, I would like to fight beside such a person.

What qualifies you to be Student Body President?

I am a student who has many good ideas, a hard work ethic, and heart for the issues that Carolina students face everyday. I want to serve the students in the Carolina community by acting on their behalf and giving them an accessible student government.

What is your position on the proposed increase in tuition and if you oppose it, what solutions can you offer to the University's concerns?

I oppose the tuition increase proposal. The main concern of the university is the low teacher compensa-

tion relative to sister institutions. I do not think it is a good idea to tap into the pockets of students to raise teacher salaries. We need to look into other pools of revenue to find money. I would create an ad hoc committee that would exclusively investigate other sources of money to be used for faculty salaries. Another university concern is the lack of funding for capital improvements. Using student generated funds for capital would set a bad precedent. The university has never used student funds for capital and it should not start now.

What is your position on the Supreme Court case, *Southworth v. Grebe*? Should students be compelled "to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves" or are student fees necessary for the "intellectual climate"?

Students should not be forced to pay fees that propagate opinions they disagree with. Groups on campus that receive student funding should formalize membership. Obviously, we want our climate to foster many student led organizations, but a student should have discretion over where a portion of their fees go. I would support a reasonable proposal that allowed students to control the destination of a part of their fees. Services such as the student recreation center and student health are essential and should continue to receive funding from all students.

Faculty members often complain that departments such as Women's Studies and Leisure Studies consume resources disproportionate to the number of students majoring in these disciplines, thereby diverting resources from more traditional studies like English and history. How do you plan to address this problem?

Ideally, university officials could trace funding directly to the number of students in each academic discipline. However, by their very nature, some disciplines require more resources. I would like to keep as many options open to students as possible, but there certainly is a limit. Since UNC is a liberal arts institution, we need to adequately fund traditional disciplines.

Do you support the University's policy of using race and gender preferences in admissions?

In an ideal society, we would not have to consider race or gender in admissions decisions. However, until hearts in both the black and white communities are changed, we must ensure that higher education is attainable by all. Where discrimination has existed, then affirmative action should be used to provide access and opportunity to those who were formerly discriminated against. We simply do not want to use

affirmative action to harm innocent people. If support against affirmative action increases, then I will have to see a better way to ensure equal opportunity before I will completely abandon ship with affirmative action.

What is the most pressing issue facing UNC students?
The most pressing issue facing the campus of UNC-CH is the proposed tuition hike. The ramifications of both tuition hike proposals are detrimental to UNC. They would both change the composition of the university, decrease accessibility, and set a bad precedent of using student-generated funds for capital improvements.

You're the track master for Amtrak railways. A speeding train containing the entire staff of The Daily Tar Heel is heading straight for a bridge that is out. Meanwhile, Coach Kay, tired of playing second fiddle to Carolina's basketball program, has tied Dean Smith to a second track running parallel to the speeding train. You can do nothing and the train will plummet over the edge into a river, killing the entire DTH staff, or you can switch the tracks and save the DTH staff, but kill the beloved Dean Smith in the process. What would you do?

I mean no disrespect to the DTH or its staff members, but college newspaper writers are easier to replace than Coach Dean Smith is. Therefore, I let Coach Smith live. I would sue Coach K for false imprisonment, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and assault and battery. I would also have the Railroad Company pay exorbitant sums of money to the families of the crash victims.

Tell us a joke.

QUESTION: How do you make a Kleenex dance?

ANSWER: You put a *boogie* in it!

Brad Matthews

Full Name: Robert Bradley (Brad) Matthews

Year and Major: Junior, Political Science and International Studies

Hometown: Boise, Idaho

Favorite Pet: My German Shepherd, Heidi

Favorite type of music: Anything good

Favorite book: Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert Persig

Favorite movie: Good Will Hunting

Favorite class taken at UNC: African Studies 70 with Bereket Selassie

Spent last summer... living in Chapel Hill and work-

ing two jobs.

Career plans: I currently have no idea.

Favorite U.S. President and why: Abraham Lincoln. No other president has faced such a divisive time or fought so fiercely for his belief that our nation must survive.

Three historical figures I'd like to meet and why: Albert Einstein because I want to know the personality behind the genius, Albert Schweitzer because he changed the life of someone who changed mine, and Charles Kuralt because I've never heard anyone capture the essence of Carolina like he has.

What qualifies you to be Student Body President?

My experience, my ideas and my dedication. In the past two years, I have founded the Freshman Focus Council to give freshmen an official voice in student government, served as the state relations coordinator and also as Senior Advisor to Student Body President Nic Heinke. I've also served as director of the new peer mentoring program and as a member of the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor. I have had the chance to see how things work at Carolina and how to change them.

I'm pursuing changes that will benefit every student at Carolina. I will work for fare free bussing for students, free home internet access for anyone who wants it, and answers to questions like Why does it cost more to eat at the Top of Lenoir than it does on Franklin Street?

Finally, I am committed to making sure that students are well represented and that means actually talking with as many of them as possible. My cabinet will continue to go door to door and talk face to face with students about issues that matter to them.

What is your position on the proposed increase in tuition and if you oppose it, what solutions can you offer to the University's concerns?

I oppose raising tuition unnecessarily and unreasonably. I think that we must pursue all available options before resorting to raising tuition. UNC has a growing endowment and enormous fundraising potential that I don't feel has been tapped. We should find ways to make our endowment more productive--we've only recently changed to a more aggressive investment strategy and that increase in income can help. We should also approach the legislature. I understand that there are considerable strains on the budget for the next few years, but we must make our case first and explore all our other options rather than preemptively committing to a tuition hike.

What is your position on the Supreme Court case, Southworth v. Grebe? Should students be compelled "to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves" or are student fees necessary for the "intellectual climate"?

Boy, thats a loaded question. We have a democratically elected representative body responsible for allocating student activity fees in an open process. Every student has not only the opportunity to lobby those policy makers but to become a representative if he or she desires. There is ample opportunity to become involved in the decision making process.

Faculty members often complain that departments such as Women's Studies and Leisure Studies consume resources disproportionate to the number of students majoring in these disciplines, thereby diverting resources from more traditional studies like English and history. How do you plan to address this problem?

I'd like to see more substantive evidence of these disparities before I form an opinion.

Do you support the University's policy of using race and gender preferences in admissions?

Yes.

What is the most pressing issue facing UNC students?

Communication. Carolina offers enormous amounts of opportunities for everyone and far too often, students dont know about them until it is too late. I want a centralized campus calendar so that you will always know where to look to find out about everything that is happening on any given day. Every student group should have the opportunity to have a mailbox in the student union so that students can always know how to contact every group. These are simple solutions that will greatly improve the communication on campus.

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Come on guys, everyone knows that Dean can't be killed. The real question is, would you save the DTH staff if they were about to go over a cliff? I would save them because there wouldnt be anyone to write an overly-sensational story about the wreck if they all died.

Tell us a joke.

I met a guy last week who actually paid for a Dook education. As my roommate Tee says, "Why pay so much for so little?"

Joshua Ray

Full Name : Joshua W. Ray - JRay

Year and Major : Junior Political Science Major

Hometown: Waynesville, North Carolina

Favorite Pet: My Saint Bernard KhuJo

Favorite type of music: R & B

Favorite book : John Grisham's The Client

Favorite movie: Tombstone

Favorite class taken at UNC: Intro to Political Thought - Carisa Showden

Spent last summer... I spent last summer working with my friend as Assistant Manager of a Rental Furniture Business. In my spare time I hung out with friends and family and also enjoyed traveling around the East Coast States and seeing the many unique sites and sounds that the states had to offer.

Career plans: I plan to attend law school and eventually enter into the Cooperate Law profession. In addition to that I would like to serve the State of North Carolina as a Congressional Representative.

Favorite U.S. President and why: My favorite U. S. President was/is Franklin D. Roosevelt. This man did two distinct things that make him one of my favorite people. The first accomplishment that makes FDR amazing was the mere fact that his presidency successfully helped the United States recover from the worst depression that the states have ever seen. His second remarkable act was the fact that he utilized the talents of his wife Eleanor to assist him in with the execution and implementation of many of the New Deal programs.

Three historical figures I'd like to meet and why: I would like to meet the man who gave his life so that each and every one of us could live - Jesus. Another person that I would have loved to meet was Martin Luther King, jr. His oratorical skills were so impressive that he has been named the Greatest Orator in the world. And if I had to only choose three individuals, Ghandi would have been a great person to meet. If he could have worked with MLK, jr on a regular basis, I feel that the world may be closer to reaching the long-term goal of equality for all that we have been striving to achieve for many years.

What qualifies you to be Student Body President?

I have served as both Vice-president and president of the Nations Oldest State University Building – Old East. As a representative for Old East, I have successfully voiced the opinion of all 60 residents to the point of making their thoughts and ideas were known throughout the student body. In addition to that role, I currently serve as the Governor of Old Campus Upper Quad where I serve the needs of over 600 students. I have represented these students for this entire school year and have devoted my all to them in order to voice the opinions of Upper Quad. I feel that Our Area has taken a role of unique cooperation and inter-hall contact and as Student Body President, I know that I can do the same with the rest of the Student Body. A very important qualification that I have that will assist my work as Student Body President is my people skills. I enjoy people and I enjoy working with them. I have a personal goal of meeting every student of this campus and finding out that one unique thing that he/she has to offer Carolina. And finally, I have a strong work ethic. I understand what it takes to get a task completed. I understand the importance of cooperation among individuals and the fact that positive motivation can help any situation. Why JRay for SBP? Because I can and will use everything that I have to offer in order to both focus and magnify the Voice of the Student Body at Carolina.

What is your position on the proposed increase in tuition and if you oppose it, what solutions can you offer to the University's concerns?

The tuition increase is not an issue of opposition or support. In order to help the student body to better understand the idea of the tuition increase, I plan to increase cooperation between the five major Student Organization's Presidents; Senior Class President, Graduate school President, Carolina Athletic Association President, Residence Hall Association President, and the Student Body President. Together with the other presidents, I feel that we can successfully garner support from the student body in order to urge our Board of Trustees to send this issue to the State Board of Legislatures so that they can assist the students monetarily in the funding of our professor's salaries and with the much needed building renovations.

What is your position on the Supreme Court case, Southworth v. Grebe? Should students be compelled "to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves" or are student fees necessary for the "intellectual climate"?

Student fees are necessary for the intellectual climate. But the student fees should come in a manner that will not hinder the student in any way. Student Organizations should be able to gain support and money from outside of the University in order to be successful. On the other hand, the term student organization does entail the idea that students support the organization and if a student is a member of such organization, that student should not be "double-charged" for his/her membership. Therefore, I must conclude that the money that students pay in fees should have a set guideline for exactly how it can be spent by student organizations.

Faculty members often complain that departments such as Women's Studies and Leisure Studies consume resources disproportionate to the number of students majoring in these disciplines, thereby diverting resources from more traditional studies like English and history. How do you plan to address this problem?

The University of North Carolina is a university that can pride itself on the extremely diverse academic curriculum. Along with the fact that society is changing so rapidly, our university needs to take a stand and support the smaller departments that are represented here. Each department is equally as important as the next and different people have different skills to contribute to society. Therefore, the University of North Carolina should take pride in the fact that WE provide the different areas for the each member of the student body to figure out exactly what it is that he/she can do to contribute to this diverse society.

Do you support the University's policy of using race and gender preferences in admissions?

The University does not handle the issue of using race and gender preferences in admission correctly. Each gender and race has different ideas, thoughts, cultures, and abilities to contribute to society. Likewise, each gender and race have exceptional members that can represent them here at Carolina - no matter what the admissions policy is. In 35 words or less, I feel that the University should accept the most qualified students into the student body while making it a priority to maintain a talented mixture of different races, gender, and individuals. (I would like to add that the University needs to set-up an outreach program that will go out into the communities of North Carolina and garner interest for the many different types of students that will attend our University instead of waiting for the disproportionate, dealing with both race and gender, group of appli-

cants).

What is the most pressing issue facing UNC students?

The most pressing issue facing UNC students is the tuition increase. This issue is important to the student body because it affects each and every one of us. Whether the money comes directly out of the students pocket or it infringes on the amount of the refund check that a student will receive, each student can understand the ramifications of the tuition increase. Although the tuition increase should not be the most pressing issue here at Carolina and the increased contact among students should be, society has forced us to view money as the key source of existence.

You're the track master for Amtrak railways. A speeding train containing the entire staff of The Daily Tar Heel is heading straight for a bridge that is out. Meanwhile, Coach Kay, tired of playing second fiddle to Carolina's basketball program, has tied Dean Smith to a second track running parallel to the speeding train. You can do nothing and the train will plummet over the edge into a river, killing the entire DTH staff, or you can switch the tracks and save the DTH staff, but kill the beloved Dean Smith in the process. What would you do?

For any other Amtrak railways track master, this would be a problem. But due to the fact that I now have Superman as #1 on my speed-dial, I would not have a problem with this situation. I would make a quick call to my buddy Superman on my Cellular phone and tell him to come and rescue our dear friend Mr. Smith while I switch the tracks and save the DTH staff. After the successful rescue, we would all go enjoy a nice, cold beverage and marvel at Superman's many talents. (My curiosity exists, though, because I hear that Joseph Forte may actually be the man we all call Superman - things that make you go hummmm.)

Tell us a joke.

3 men where at the FBI Building for a job interview. The first man walked into the office. The interviewing FBI agent said "To be in the FBI you must be loyal, dedicated, and give us your all. Your wife is in the next room. I want you to go in there and shoot her with this gun." The man took the gun, hesitated, and said "Sorry, I can't do it."

The next interviewee came into the office. The Agent said "To be in the FBI you must be loyal, dedicated, and give us your all. Your wife is in the next room. I want you to go in there and shoot her with this gun." The man took the gun, walked into the

room, then walked out. "Sorry," he said.

The last man came into the office. The interviewer said "To be in the FBI you must be loyal, dedicated, and give us your all. Your wife is in the next room. I want you to go in there and shoot her with this gun." The man took the gun and went into the room. The Agent heard 6 shots, silence, then a lot of screaming. The man came out of the room and said "Someone loaded the gun with blanks, so I beat her to death with the curtain railing!" . :)

Erica Smiley

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Year and Major: Sophomore Mathematics and Political Science Major

Hometown: Greensboro, North Carolina (Jamestown)

Favorite Pet: Stokely the Fish

Favorite type of music: Hip Hop Jazz

Favorite book: The Color Purple

Favorite movie: Stormy Weather

Favorite class taken at UNC: American Studies 64 (Junior Seminar in Social Sciences)

Spent last summer... Interning at the United States Student Association and at Choice USA

Career plans: Civil Rights Law

Favorite U.S. President and why: Franklin D. Roosevelt- I am impressed with the work and legislation he initiated during the New Deal including but not limited to the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and the Works Projects Administration (WPA).

Three historical figures I'd like to meet and why: I'd like to meet Patricia Wallace and Richard Epps because they broke through the barriers in becoming the first female and black student body presidents respectively. I would also enjoy spending some time with Thurgood Marshall, who dedicated his life to the various methods of establishing social justice.

What qualifies you to be Student Body President?

I have the experience as a previous elected official (Rules and Judiciary Chairperson of Student Congress) to be the Student Body President of this University. More importantly, the will of the students who support this effort qualifies me to pursue this position in order to make student government accountable, accessible and a body that aggressively acts towards positive change in the name of the students.

What is your position on the proposed increase in tuition and if you oppose it, what solutions can you offer

to the University's concerns?

I am against the proposed tuition increase. In working with the campaign against the tuition increase during the fall semester, I played an active role in encouraging both the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors to abolish the increase that was to support faculty salaries. I understand that our state has failed us in not funding our university system properly. I would propose and lobby with fellow students for a long-term commitment from the North Carolina General Assembly to better fund our state supported institutions.

What is your position on the Supreme Court case, Southworth v. Grebe? Should students be compelled "to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves" or are student fees necessary for the "intellectual climate"?

I am in favor of leaving the allocation of students' fees in the hands of the democratically elected student government. This method of distributing fees is necessary for the intellectual climate on campus as it allows for every student group to have an equal opportunity to receive funding. I experienced this principle in action during a recent student congress session in which I voted "YES" to fund the "Virtuous Woman" Christian magazine that limited submissions from non-Christian writers. As long as the same money is available to non-Christian groups to form their own magazines that challenge the viewpoints of this particular publication, I feel that this allocation, and the process through which it came about, is legitimate.

Faculty members often complain that departments such as Women's Studies and Leisure Studies consume resources disproportionate to the number of students majoring in these disciplines, thereby diverting resources from more traditional studies like English and history. How do you plan to address this problem?

I do not see this as a problem. I see this as an unreasonable prioritization of one department over another. If petitioned by students to address this issue, I will look into why "traditional" course studies are being ruled more important than more alternative approaches. Further, I will see to it that students have an active voice in the distribution of resources to the various departments.

Do you support the University's policy of using race and gender preferences in admissions?

The university does not use race and gender preferences in admissions. That would require quotas that were outlawed by the Bakke case. I am in support of affirmative action, defined as active outreach to

groups of people who have been historically under-represented on our campus. I see no reason not to place an application in the hand of a student who may not have otherwise been given the opportunity to apply.

What is the most pressing issue facing UNC students? Students here are continuously faced with issues of accessibility. Is the university accessible to all North Carolinians? Am I receiving access to the best possible education that I could receive here at Carolina? Is student government accessible to me? Those withholding access to these things are very resistant, and I see this as being the most persistent problem facing students now and in the next few years.

You're the track master for Amtrak railways. A speeding train containing the entire staff of The Daily Tar Heel is heading straight for a bridge that is out. Meanwhile, Coach Kay, tired of playing second fiddle to Carolina's basketball program, has tied Dean Smith to a second track running parallel to the speeding train. You can do nothing and the train will plummet over the edge into a river, killing the entire DTH staff, or you can switch the tracks and save the DTH staff, but kill the beloved Dean Smith in the process. What would you do?

I'd stop the train.

Tell us a joke.

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted. - The Constitution of the United States of America Amendment 8, 1791

Preston Smith

Full Name: Preston David Smith

Year and Major: Junior Political Science

Hometown: Rialto, California

Favorite Pet: My basset hound Snickers

Favorite type of music: Latino Dance Music (The Real Stuff..no Ricky Martin!!)

Favorite book: Ishmael

Favorite movie: Good Will Hunting

Favorite class taken at UNC: Poli 56:Latin American Politics

Spent last summer... working two jobs. One from 7 at night until 7 in the morning. I then worked at a music store from 11 in the afternoon to 5 at night. I did this in order to pay for my study abroad in Brazil last semester.

Career plans: Hopefully practice as a lawyer in the future with some type of link to South America

Favorite U.S. President and why: John F. Kennedy He was an extremely liberal president who had the potential to lead this county to amazing places. John Kennedy was ready to confront the race issue within the US and Vietnam...issues that continue to haunt this nation to this day. Kennedy had a great deal of potential and the charisma to overcome these issues. In addition, he was a very important factor in overcoming World War III and the Cuban Missile Crisis. Moreover, he was dating Marilyn Monroe.....wow. Need I say anything more.

Three historical figures I'd like to meet and why: Paul (from the Bible), Malcolm X, and Che Gueverra

All three of these men made significant impacts on our current international community. Paul was probably the most significant person in regards to Christianity and the bible. His personal thoughts molded and created our current form of Christianity. I would love to hear his stories about Jesus and his thoughts regarding Christianity. I would also love to meet Malcolm X and Che Gueverra. These were two tremendous leaders during the twentieth century. They were courageous men who truly fought for and died for what they believed in. This type of dedication to a cause is truly heroic. In addition, they spoke up for the people of their countries and attempted to fight the ingrained political systems within the world and US.

What qualifies you to be Student Body President?

I believe that I am qualified to be Student Body President for several reasons. I have already served as a student congressmen for a year at Chapel Hill. During that period of time I gained a great deal of experience regarding Student Government and the various processes that are involved. I also believe that my ideas and drive qualify myself. My platform is built around three basic points: Accountability, Community, and Empowerment. These three points each serve the students in incredibly important manners. The accountability section recognizes the fact that I need to and plan to directly communicate with students. The community section refers to my plans to pursue community service within Chapel Hill. I plan on working with the professors to create a class at UNC that will grant students 3 credit hours and valuable experience at community service jobs that relate directly to their majors and resume. Finally, the third point of empowerment attempts to focus on the future of students and our role in this university. This section includes general plans to raise

money for students that will grant us some independence and direction on the campus. I believe that these are new, fresh ideas that can not only empower the students next year...but in years to come.

What is your position on the proposed increase in tuition and if you oppose it, what solutions can you offer to the University's concerns?

I do not support the increase in our tuition. Yet, I also believe that by the time I reach office the process will be too far advanced to stop it. Therefore, I am attempting to attack it in a different manner. Our tuition's are being increased so that the university can give professors certain raises and hire other professors. I plan on establishing an independent student committee that will make direct recommendations regarding the professors that we will hire with this money and grant raises to. It is our money and we should be involved.

What is your position on the Supreme Court case, Southworth v. Grebe? Should students be compelled "to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves" or are student fees necessary for the "intellectual climate"?

I believe that students money should be applicable to all student groups. I was in student congress during this debate and have undergone the lengthy budget process. It would be extremely difficult to allow students to individually pick the groups that they want to support. I also believe that every group should have the right to voice their opinion (within limits of course). I would not support a group that advocated violence or severe types of racism or sexism. For example, the Carolina Review: several people, including myself, disagree with segments of this magazine on a regular basis. Yet, I believe that this magazine offers a fresh and sometimes amusing aspect to our university community. Your group should definitely receive funding just as BSM or Blue and White receive funding.

Faculty members often complain that departments such as Women's Studies and Leisure Studies consume resources disproportionate to the number of students majoring in these disciplines, thereby diverting resources from more traditional studies like English and history. How do you plan to address this problem?

I do not think that this is a problem. UNC is traditionally a liberal arts school and therefore we should support these types of majors. These majors significantly contribute to the academic environment of this university and create well-rounded students. This argument is very similar to the argument regarding Carolina Review. Carolina Review is funded in or-

der to represent a minority on campus and allow this group to publicize their opinions and views. This does not draw away from UNC; instead, it adds a great deal to our community. Just as Carolina Review add to this university, so do these majors. UNC is attempting to create better people and more educated students; therefore, I support these majors.

Do you support the University's policy of using race and gender preferences in admissions?

Yes America needs to begin to prepare itself for the 21st century. This century will lead to a point where whites will finally be in the minority. In addition, more minorities and women will be in positions of power within the infrastructure of the US. UNC needs to contribute educated members of society to this group. Educated individuals that include every color, gender, and creed of society.

What is the most pressing issue facing UNC students?

I believe that the most pressing issue facing UNC students is the 5,000 EXTRA students that will be admitted within the next five years. The admittance of this many students will also create large housing, parking, and dining problems--problems that we already face. We need to prepare for these students. In addition, we as students need to begin to prepare ourselves for the even larger increases in tuition due to these extra costs in the future. This is why I believe that we need to empower ourselves by

creating our own economic independence. Only through these measures will the students of UNC truly be prepared and able to control our own destiny as we admit 5,000 more students.

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I propose to place the entire staff of Carolina review in front of the train prior to it reaching the staff of the DTH. I would do this in hopes that the train would stop due to this collision. I am certain that the train's collision with the staff of the Carolina Review would bring it to a complete and full stop. I am certain of this because this staff is so full of "substance" and are such bitter hard asses that the train would have to come to a complete stop.

Tell us a joke.

That was my joke. HA HA HA :)

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Keep your money,
Vote NO!
 to increased student fees.

The USSA's Indecent Proposal

The United States Student Association wants \$75,000 of our money, here's why we should say no.

BY MATT ROBERSON

Associate Publisher

In the harried excitement of exams and the waning days of the Fall semester, the left-leaning members of Student Congress introduced a bill calling for a referendum to increase student fees by \$3 to fund the United States Student Association, chalking up another attempt by Congresswoman Erica Smiley and her radical left entourage to impose their liberal agenda on the student body. Unfortunately, this event marks a continuing effort by student leaders to push for USSA membership. Efforts to bring the issue to a vote are nothing new. Former student body president and now university employee, Aaron Nelson, proposed the same ill-conceived and exploitative idea in 1997. Fortunately, in a precedent-shattering development, Student Congress rejected his plan. Yet, the USSA thought they had taken a step closer on December 7 as the initiative convinced a razor thin majority to place it on February's ballot. Just as the \$75,000 pot of gold seemed within reach, the executive defenders of the Student Code served an upset calling the referendum unconstitutional for failing to acquire the necessary two-thirds majority of Student Congress. After weighing the options, Speaker Mark Kleinschmidt opted not to usurp the Student Code nor press the issue further. While the dubious scheme of USSA proponents may have suffered under technicality, proponents did not allow it to stop them. Sandra Chapman, David Seymour, Christine Williams, and Corye Barbour challenged the

constitutionality of the supermajority necessary in Student Congress to put the referendum on the ballot. After failing to obtain an injunction from the Student Supreme Court, the plaintiffs tried to convince them to place the referendum on the ballot. This latest plea marks strong arm politics as usual for the left; when rules fail to work in your favor – circumvent them.

At first glance, the USSA initiative seems a good idea: let students decide if they want to raise student fees in order to gain membership into a national lobbying group. Upon deeper consideration, though, the proposal is revealed for what it really is: an insidious attempt to bamboozle the student body into throwing financial support to a fringe organization that lobbies on behalf of causes many students find repugnant.

One focal point of the proposal was offering students an exercise in pure democracy.

The fact that supporters sought the legitimacy and blessing from the student body demonstrates an extension of good faith in the intelligence of students. However, one precept for democracy is full knowledge on behalf of the decision-makers regarding the issues of dispute. Yet, complete and unbiased knowledge remains precisely what students would be denied, thus making any referendum a farce. Past experience proves that students would walk into polling sites largely ignorant of the consequences an affirmative vote carries. The most damning evidence of attempting to suppress knowledge came on the eve of the exam period when the legislation was up for discussion. Af-

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ter speaking in opposition to the bill, several Student Congress members refused to allow GPSF President Lee Connor the opportunity to rebut arguments or raise any numbing questions that proponents would have done well to confront honestly. In fact, Representative Alexandra Bell believed Mr. Connor's initial comments raised unnecessary tensions, and "that in the future we should avoid such situations." In the end, Miss Bell and others chose to sanction the source of unwanted tidings rather than listen to revealing information calling into question the motives and efforts for which the USSA advocates. Even though they tried to put the referendum on the February elections ballot, supporters have made no effort to educate voters as to the real nature of USSA.

Supporters portray the USSA as a non-partisan group existing exclusively to lobby Congress on behalf of students on issues like educational funding and financial aid programs. At best, this remains a gross misjudgment of the goals of USSA; at worst, an unabashed lie. Far from being the benign organization depicted by Smiley and others, the USSA is in fact an ultra-liberal movement addicted to the rhetoric of Karl Marx. Like most advocacy groups, the USSA flexes its political muscles, inflates membership, and touts their successes to command attention and deference to their agenda on Capitol Hill. Few inside or outside D.C. know much

about the organization beyond the grassroots, youth led representation of the common college student. Unfortunately, the USSA does not represent the average student. In fact, USSA works closely with the higher education lobby, which remains more concerned with the priorities of college officials than the interests of students. While USSA advocates increased federal spending, government aid does not principally benefit students, it pays for the rapidly increasing expenses of colleges and universities, eventually passed on to students and their parents. How grateful should students be for government loan assistance? When the USSA and others like US PIRG join to bully the U.S. Congress into allocating additional money to underwrite student loans, colleges have the added incentive to escalate costs and raise tuition, leaving millions of students and recent graduates burdened with increasing student loan debt unimaginable to earlier generations. Thus, many of the same activists that denounced the tuition hike earlier this year now want to support a group that will perpetuate the problem.

Besides the ostensible purpose of lobbying for student interests, USSA engages in many political activities having little to do with higher education, but everything to do with a broad liberal agenda. The organization, addicted to the rhetoric of Karl Marx, sides with the radical left on social issues unrelated to education and pur-

USSA Coalition Partners and Friendly Organizations

National Gay & Lesbian Task Force
 National Education Association (NEA)
 American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
 Teamsters International
 The Fund for the Feminist Majority Foundation
 NAACP
 National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA)
 American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
 National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU)
 American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)
 American Association of University Professors (AAUP)
 American Association of University Women (AAUW)
 American Association of School Administrators (AASA)
 Committee on Educational Funding (CEF)
 National Association of Women and Girls in Education

National Association of College Admission Counselors
 Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
 Communication Workers of America (CWA)
 The National Rainbow Coalition
 Citizenship Education Fund
 People for the American Way
 Family Farm Coalition
 Voters for Choice
 Gray Panthers
 Center for Third World Organizing
 U.S. Public Interest Research Group
 Leadership Conference on Civil Rights
 Americans United For the Separation of Church and State
 Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC)
 Black Student Leadership Network (BSLN)
 Campaign for New Priorities
 Human Rights Campaign

port to represent all students in light of the fact that social issues provide some of the most divisive controversies in the country. For one, they seek to eliminate ROTC programs on campus, on grounds that it discriminates against gays and lesbians. Never mind the fact that such a program provides thousands of educational opportunities the USSA claims to fight for. Likewise, the group wholeheartedly embraces affirmative action and demands strict quotas for every minority group imaginable on both its Board of Directors and for any delegation a member school sends to national conferences. For instance, "member school delegations of three, four, or five delegates must include at least one student of color and at least one woman. Delegations of six or more must also include one delegate from the following constituencies: disabled, veteran, non-traditional, lesbian, gay, or bisexual. All delegations of seven or more must meet the above guidelines and include at least one woman of color." Likewise, USSA supports women resource centers, as well as explicitly endorses gay resource centers. In addition, USSA has come out against "three strikes and your out laws," as well as supporting Pell Grants for prison inmates.

Other highlights include enthusiastic support for abortion, opposition to efforts to establish English as an official language, and support of paying reparations to people of African decent living in the US. But perhaps the crown jewel of USSA's platform is its gerrymandering plank: "USSA supports the reapportionment of congressional and state legislature districts so that political representation of people of color and especially women of color correspond to their percentage of the population." Considering the recent battle over North Carolina's racially divided districts, one can only fathom the shape of a district drawn on gender lines.

While USSA's position on social issues may be driven by legitimate differences, their

stance on fiscal issues can only be described as knuckleheaded. In their platform, they "oppose cuts in discretionary programs cloaked in the language of deficit reduction." Apparently, USSA believes tax money grows on trees and cuts are made for fun. The platform continues, saying, "USSA opposes tax cuts which result in budget reductions of millions of dollars, while the amount realized from the tax cut add (sic) up to only dollars a week." The position completely ignores the fact that tax cuts often accompany increases in revenue. In speaking on entitlement programs, they "find it peculiar and unproductive to attack social security... while the defense budget increased." Once again they fail to recognize that the defense budget has steadily declined since the mid-1980s. They op-

pose anything more than superficial reforms to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, while advocating Clintonesque universal health care coverage and denying any real problems with the Social Security program.

The USSA's lack of understanding for fiscal issues spills over into its own book-

keeping as well. In an October 21, 1995 article from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, a former USSA board member was quoted, saying, "I don't think students should continue funding an organization that's about to go belly up." The story also noted the group's \$60,000 debt. With a \$75,000 cash cow to milk each year, naturally the USSA has kept a closer eye on UNC and offered more than usual support in campus issues.

One should not be surprised that such a proposal has come to the forefront given Student Congress' recent attempts to involve itself in issues beyond the scope of immediate UNC needs. Whether you agree with USSA or Student Congress' stances, the fact that the USSA and their issues stir such controversy remains indubitable.

Far from being advocates for all students, USSA is about as apolitical as the National

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USSA is about as apolitical as the National Organization for Women.

No Evidence That "Fraternities Provoke Gang-Rape"

The Greek community at UNC refutes claims made by "caustic" columnist.

BY KELLY KRULISKY

Staff Writer

The American College fraternity movement was founded in 1776 and, since then, membership has grown and the system has expanded in colleges and universities throughout the United States. In Chapel Hill, fraternities and sororities have pledged themselves to the four main principles of scholarship, community service, campus involvement and sisterhood/brotherhood. They are dedicated to and have sought to uphold their mission of providing "advice, services and educational programs that ensure that all members of fraternities and sororities have a quality, safe undergraduate experience." According to Josh Fennell in his article in the December 3, 1999 issue of the *Daily Tar Heel*, in between these lines is written a legacy of degradation, of disrespect, and of sexual coercion. The rest of us must have missed something.

Fennell refers to fraternity members as accepting sex-role stereotypes and interpersonal violence as a valid form of behavior. The registration form for rushing includes the individual's high school GPA, SAT score, college GPA, and high school and college activities. We must have missed those questions asking if the individual believed hazing and wife-beating were acceptable.

Fennell quotes a 1991 study that supported "the hypothesis that fraternity men are more likely to be involved in gang rape on campus". While there is no support for this hypothesis, it is known that Greek members were

involved in 24,005 hours of community service in Chapel Hill last semester. It is known that they were involved in raising \$6,435 for charity. It is also known that the Greek involvement in the First Annual Dance Marathon logged 1,785 hours of volunteering and \$40,000 for the NC Children's Hospital. We must have missed exactly how fraternity members took time off to be involved in demonstrating themselves as the lowest members of society by participating in rape.

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Fennell concludes that "initiation, ritual and day-to-day activities in the fraternity house revolve around the over-the-top expression of masculinity at the expense of others." Over the next month fraternities are to attend two seminars regarding the University alcohol policy, two meetings on Fire Marshal training and risk management, one seminar about health issues, and one seminar on sexual assault prevention. We must have missed all those meetings and seminars on how to express masculinity to an appropriately excessive extent.

"Fraternities provoke gang rape," says Fennell. Between the years of 1996 and 1998, 63 forcible sexual assaults were reported in Chapel Hill. Of the 31 that took place on-campus, seven were in the eight residences that include the on-campus fraternities and Granville Towers. Any report of a sexual assault is unfortunate and undesirable, but the statistics do not seem to support the sexually-coercive behavior Fennell claims fraternities breed. He must have missed the fact that 54 out of 63

sexual assaults are still left unaccounted for; they did not take place in fraternities.

There are multiple ways to alter and discredit statistics. However, even if we did not go by the numbers, there would still be word of mouth. Fennell claims men “fantasize about [sex], brag about it, try to have it”. He asserts that “pledges and [fraternity] members have to get laid or risk becoming swishes”. In other words, not only do they “have to” participate in rape, but they have to, at the expense of their membership, tell about it. Somehow, however, their bragging and stories of illegal behavior have fallen on deaf ears as thousands of female students continue to head towards fraternities every Thursday night, supposedly like lambs to the slaughter. Fennell must have missed the fact that most women are intelligent enough to discern if they are walking into inevitable danger.

Despite his lack of empirical evidence, despite the fact that all his support is drawn only from random citations and psychological studies, let’s give merit to Fennell’s claim. If he is correct, we can “pity” fraternity members because their actions arise from the fact that “they are almost certainly gay”; the relevancy of that statement seems to be lacking. But we should, according to Fennell, abolish fraternities. We

must also look beyond fraternities, however, to other “male gangs” and possible perpetrators. We will soon see that Fennell has not only indicted fraternities, but team athletes, members of the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force, and Boy Scouts – all dominantly male groups. He must have forgotten to mention those.

Chairman of the Select Committee for Greek Defense, Ted Shipley, and sorority member Louise Flaig are “angered by the assault on a student-sponsored group.” Flaig stated, “I am tired of people lashing out at organizations they do not understand. I guess Greeks are an easier target than others, but instead of misrepresenting facts and confusing the public at large, just don’t join a fraternity and let everyone else make their judgements on their own.” Fennell must have missed the 2,673 Greek members in Chapel Hill who take pride in the organization they have chosen to be part of, who see their fraternity or sorority as Flaig sees hers – as a support group and a source of positive energy.

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Organization for Women. Hence, student fees should not be used to fund such a blatantly partisan and highly questionable group. Foremost, it sends money to an independent, off campus organization, leaving UNC students with little or no control over how the money is spent. This mere fact flies squarely in the face of Student Congress’ reputation for an iron fist when funding conservative groups and lectures.

On the surface, the promise of a D.C. voice, training, and networking opportunities appears a worthy cause. However, if students want to support the lobbying efforts of the USSA, they should do so with their own money. Supporters will argue that \$3 a year remains a negligible amount, but a dollar here and a dollar there

rapidly add up setting a bad precedent and opening up a whole new realm of possible fee increases. Kudos to those who stood up against this initiative, voters should reward them when they come up for reelection on February 15th. For those who supported it – shame on you. An explanation and an apology are in order.

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Elian Sí, Castro No

Why do liberals, known for being lax on immigration, want to return this little boy to the arms of Communism?

BY DAVID PEREZ

Staff Writer

Not since the Cuban Missile Crisis or the earlier Bay of Pigs invasion have relations between Cuba and the United States reached such a volatile state. Amazingly, the present conflict is not the result of the threat of nuclear war or of an attempt to overthrow the Cuban government, but rather a six-year-old boy named Elian Gonzalez, who will soon become either the poster boy for communist Cuba or the symbol of democratic America. An innocent boy, too young to fully understand why his parents made the tragic trek in search of freedom and liberty, will now set a precedent for immigration laws and the relations between the United States and Cuba.

Elian, his mother, stepfather, and twelve other Cubans boarded a 17-foot boat on November 21, hoping to reach the shores of the United States. The voyage was doomed from the start, for their outboard motor failed almost immediately and they were forced to stop overnight on a small island just off of Cuba to make the repairs. Here Elian played on the shores of the ocean while shouting "Me voy para la yuma": "I'm going to the United States." The next morning they set off again, only to run into two Cuban patrol boats whose guards ignored their pleas and threatened to sink the boat with a water cannon. At the sight of young Elian they backed off, and the runaways managed to reach international waters. That night everything went wrong. The motor died again, high waves were threatening the boat, and the fuel tank tipped

over, burning a hole in one of their three emergency inner tubes. Shortly after, the boat capsized, and they spent the night clinging to the hull. All the food was gone, except for a jug of water which they reserved for Elian. That night 10 out of the 14 Cubans died, including Elian's stepfather. The next day Elian's mother also passed away, leaving only Elian, Nivaldo Fernandez (a five-star chef in Cuba), and Arianne Horta, who originally escaped with her five-year old daughter, but left her behind in the small island that first night, hoping to send for her later through legal channels from the United States. Together these three endured shark bites, dehydration, and starvation for five days, finally reaching the shores of Key Biscayne in the early hours of Thanksgiving Day. The two adults swam to shore and collapsed, dehydrated and exhausted. Elian would be rescued, still shaking, on an inner tube, barely clinging to life.

If Elian's father truly wants him back, then why does he refuse to come in person to express those sentiments?

Once out of the hospital, Elian was reunited with relatives in Miami whose wish is to raise the young boy in the country where his mother planned to raise him with the knowledge and approval of his father. Many now argue that Elian belongs with his father in Cuba. The INS has ruled that Elian should be sent back, but the case is now in the Federal courts. Here is where the question arises. Should Elian be forced to go back to Cuba? The answer is unequivocally no. Elian's father told the boy's Miami relatives that "[Elian] should stay with them," and only changed his mind once Fidel Castro became interested in the situation. Two days later Elian's

father is seen hugging Castro and demanding Elian's return.

Many Americans do not understand why Cuban Americans are so adamant about keeping Elian in this country. Several reasons come to mind. If he is sent back, at age 11 he will begin spending 45 to 60 days a year working in a farm-labor camp. If sent back, he will face compulsory military service until the age of 27. If sent back, for the rest of his life he will be taught that his deceased mother and stepfather were traitors; if sent back, he will never get the opportunity to go to college unless his "political attitude and social conduct" satisfy the Cuban regime; if sent back, the government, not he, will decide which career, if any, he should pursue. Attorney General Janet Reno and President Clinton are in favor of sending Elian back to a country where, since 1959, over 15,000 Cubans have been unjustly murdered and over 100,000 have been imprisoned for political reasons. Are we as Americans so ignorant that we see this as a simple case of a child being taken away from his father? Can we not understand that the massive protests seen on television, those huge crowds demanding Elian's return to Cuba, are nothing more than Castro busing Cuban citizens to the plaza and forcing them to protest or be thrown in jail? If Elian's father truly wants him back, then why does he refuse to come in person to express those sentiments? Could it be that Castro will not let him, for fear that he will never return?

On what grounds should we support sending Elian back into one of the three most oppressive nations in the world? Do we even know what kind of a father Elian's dad was or will be?

How can we take what we hear from Cuba as the truth? Both of my parents' families left Cuba because they didn't want their children to live under Communist rule. There is no freedom in Cuba, little food, no opportunity to live a happy and healthy life. Why should Elian be sent back? To appease Castro, for whom Elian's story has provided another excuse to cry "Cuba sí, yankees no"? To appease our Democratic leadership, whose plans to restore relations with Cuba have been jeopardized by the battle over Elian's custody? Elian should not be sent back because it would not be in his best interest. Castro's Cuba is not that different from, say, Hitler's Germany, and this boy's right to freedom from oppression must be respected above all. Elian's grandmothers have come to the United States and met with Reno and many other top politicians who find it politically expedient to send Elian back to Cuba. With the elections quickly approaching, many politicians try to find quick solutions to problems without fully addressing or investigating the consequences. With a young boy's future at stake, no matter how close the elections, his freedom must be a priority. We must realize that the only thing that should matter is the future of this six year old. We as Americans must show support for keeping Elian in this country, for allowing him the same liberties that we enjoy. Let us together say, "Elian sí, Castro no."

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Need to Sound Off?

Comment on the USSA referendum or any other campus issue... or just call us a bunch of "bitter hard asses." Send your Dear Sir submission to

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Please limit your comments to 400 words. We reserve the right to edit your letter for length and/or profanity. We also reserve the right not to edit your letter and to expose you as a bumbling idiot.

Why Does This Woman Want \$75,000 of YOUR Student Fees?

How does spending 75,000 abortions sound? Apparently Erica Smiley and her Marxist faction in Student Congress believe that such grand expenditure is well spent on the United States Student Association, a “non-behalf of student interests. However, platform to dispel any notions that moting the interests of all students. resolution proposals, members of the stands significantly left of center, many students in fact find appalling and egregious (See Article).



dollars of your hard earned money for Smiley and her Marxist faction in Student Congress believe that such grand expenditure is well spent on the United States Student Association, a “non-partisan” group allegedly working on one need only leaf through the USSA’s this is a non-partisan organization pro-Given Smiley’s background and past *Review* are not surprised that the group throwing support to programs and ideas

In defense of her pet issue, Smiley whines to the “D”TH...

“This gives us a voice on a national level, and right now North Carolina issues in Chapel Hill are not being heard.”

“We’ve got to get off our heels and pay attention... We all suffer from a lack of educational access.”

Why is someone who shirks at the sight of Wachovia in the pit now so eager to have the USSA rob the student body? Maybe because Wachovia will not pay her or offer a lucrative internship. But the *Review* hates to speculate. So who really suffers more from “a lack of educational access?” Students? Or the Rules and Judiciary Committee “Chairperson” who sponsored legislation to support Saddam Hussein and condemn the Red Cross? If the good “Chairperson” is concerned about a lack of education, perhaps she should consider what cash strapped students do every morning and find her way back to class and quit wasting time and others’ money on her extremist political agenda.

Pinochet Liberated!

Proponents of rule of law emitted a collective sigh of relief last week when former Chilean head of state Augusto Pinochet was deemed medically unfit by the British government for extradition to Spain. Perennially indignant leftist groups like Amnesty International (which obviously supports ‘amnesty’ only when it is expedient for their agenda) took umbrage and demanded that the ailing ex-dictator submit to another battery of tests. Meanwhile, the staff of the *Carolina Review* celebrated the greatest foreign policy victory in our seven-year history. Our sources deep within the Home Secretary’s office would not comment “on the record” regarding the influence of the *Review*’s demand for Pinochet’s release on the decision to prevent his extradition. Off the record, they confirmed that “more than coincidence” connected the *Review*’s demands in the December issue and Pinochet’s release less than three weeks later. Surprisingly, Student Congress failed to pass a resolution supporting Pinochet’s extradition. Perhaps the “representatives” in Student Congress - we’re not sure who or what they represent - should wise up and take a lesson from the *Review*: conservative realpolitik is the order of the day; student radicalism is a laughable relic of the past.

Funny What Shows Up...

The “Cattle List” finally came out with their November 1999 issue...in January 2000, but we have to at least give them credit for a good article on Elizabeth Dole’s ill-fated presidential bid.

...And What Doesn't

Many of our readers will remember that in the November 1999 issue (which, coincidentally, came out in November 1999), the Young Democrat's Director of "Campus Relations," Fred Hashagen "invited" the *Review* staff to a debate on the death penalty. Knowing that we would decline his insult-ridden invitation, they had already agreed to debate the issue with the College Republicans. In December, we received another invitation, this time from the "Cattle List's" treasurer:

Hey,

I was seeking mindless diversion December 12, so I read the Special Millennium Preview Edition of the Review. After serving God and University last year, I didn't expect to see my name for a record fourth time in your "literature," but, in bold letters on page 18, you found it fit to include my name.

To add injury to insult, you wrote, "Mr. Frye has begun asking evil-global-capitalism icon Nike for money to fund his Frisbee team."

"Frisbee" team? Do you know nothing? As the authoritative Scott Holleman reports on his webpage (www.unc.edu/~shollem), Ultimate is no longer "Ultimate Frisbee," let alone ever being "Frisbee."

So, I challenge you to drinking at the bar of your choosing on the first Friday after January 22, 2000. Take notes on this: any attempt to waste my time with useless, jabbering "debate" will result in pain.

Respectfully,

Patrick Frye

DriFit, I mean, Darkside Ultimate

Because Mr. Frye at least attempted some semblance of congeniality and humor and well, we just can't pass up a drinking challenge, we accepted. Since then, we haven't heard a thing. Mr. Frye, where are you?

The Young Democrats need to get a life, we just hope they haven't gotten hold of Mr. Frye's.

Black "Non-Enrolled Persons" Movement?

Apparently, the Black "Student" Movement is so desperate for members that it spent last semester with a non-enrolled Treasurer. As expected, the B"S"M feigned ignorance of the fact that the officer in question, Brian Elliot, had not been enrolled for more than three semesters! Elliot also served as Chief of Staff at the Carolina Athletic Association, best known for its less-than-thrilling Homecoming events last semester and long ticket distribution lines. Elliot was last enrolled in the summer of 1998, but ran for B"S"M Treasurer in the fall of that year. In fact, it was Elliot who represented the B"S"M at several funding meetings before Student Congress, calling into question the many thousands of dollars Congress annually throws at the organization. B"S"M President Chris Faison stated, "we have no formal way of tracking a student's progress." Perhaps he could have visited the registrar's office or tried the online student directory. The CAA never submitted Elliot's name on a listing of officers, preventing the University from noticing his enrollment status. Elliot is also under investigation for making personal phone calls on another CAA member's account. One must wonder at the type of people the B"S"M and CAA are recruiting if a liar like Elliot can become an officer in an important part of UNC athletics, and the treasurer of one of UNC's wealthiest "student" organizations.

The Last Word

“Do not ask me to describe the charms of reverie, or the contemplative ecstasy into which the smoke of our cigar plunges us.”

Jules Sandeau, French novelist.

"A little luck and a little government are necessary in life, but only a fool trusts either one."

P.J. O'Rourke

"What we don't need is more barriers: words crippled by weird spacing, entangled lines, distressed type, colliding columns; tiny words swallowed up in hideous background textures, stripes, photos, and even other type; impaled paragraphs disjoined by Dadaesque slashes and streaks that ambush the eye and obscure the letters... The culprits are increasingly militant graphic gremlins hatched out of MTV iconoclasm, along with computer design programs that offer too many choices to those of too little taste and make excess far too easy."

John McDonough, The Wall Street Journal, Wednesday, February 11, 1998.

"Nature has set no limit to the realization of our hopes."

Marquis de Condorcet

"...the legislative powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions..."

Thomas Jefferson

"2-bit idea: Whether 25 cents or \$10, a contribution to the coffers of a lobbying group is both an unwise and questionable allocation of student fees."

DTH Editorial 1/27/97 on the USSA referendum.
