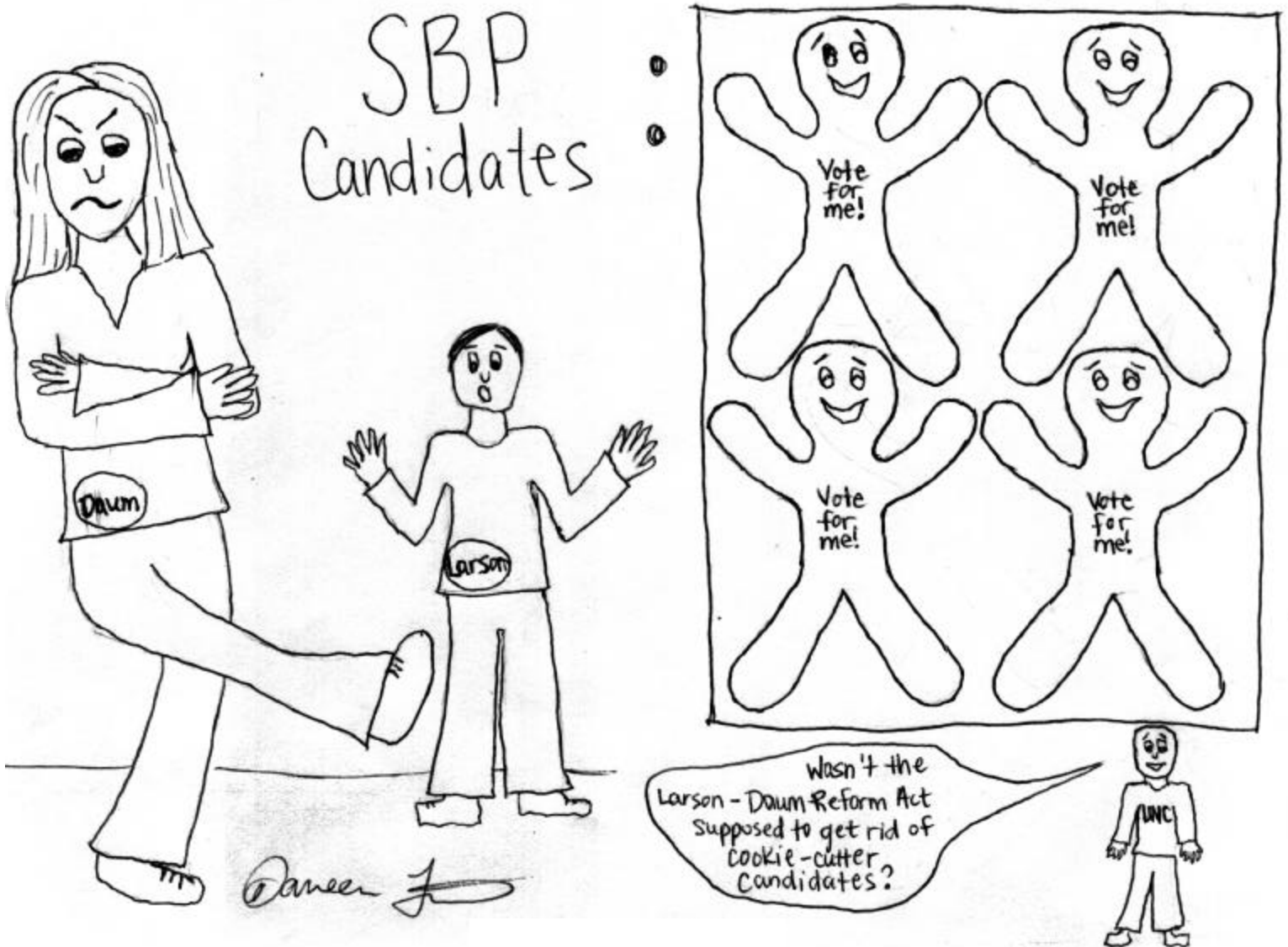

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elcome to the first issue of *Carolina Review* of 2003. This year promises to be an interesting one for students here at Carolina and at universities all across the country. The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments in two University of Michigan lawsuits, both regarding the legality of race based admission programs. These cases should be of particular interest to those of us planning to attend post-graduate school, as they will likely change admission standards across the country.

The Law School here at UNC decided to file an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in this case. An amicus brief is basically an argument that takes one side or the other in a case such as this one. UNC Law is filing their brief in support of the University of Michigan, despite their thinly veiled discriminatory system.

President Bush has instructed the U.S. Solicitor General to file a brief countering the University of Michigan's arguments on behalf of the administration. Bush has said with no qualification that such race-based admissions policies are "divisive, unfair, and impossible to square with the Constitution." In the coming months, *Carolina Review* will likely feature an in-depth story about admissions standards here in Chapel Hill.

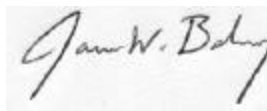
Although this is my first month at the helm, I plan to continue providing you with the same common sense insight into important issues that you have come to expect from this magazine. I am taking over the editorial responsibilities as Steve Russell moves on to serve as Publisher.

In this issue, you will find candid responses to our annual questionnaire from each of the four Student Body President candidates. *Carolina Review* endorses no particular candidate; we simply provide you with a more educated view of the ballot. I urge everyone to vote in the upcoming election. With online voting available at studentcentral.unc.edu, there is really no excuse.

Later in the spring semester, we will publish our semi-annual 'Best of Carolina' course review. I would like to see that list grow and diversify into a greater number of departments. To that end, I encourage you to submit both positive and negative comments on your classes and professors. Please include the course name, professor, and a good reason as to why you liked or disliked the course.

Good luck in the spring semester. If you have a course recommendation, letter to the editor, or other feedback, send an email to cr@unc.edu.

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TEACH-IN ON WAR WITH IRAQ

Campus liberals gather to protest a war with Iraq.

By Chris Speck
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There is a time for peace. There are unjust wars. These facts are incontrovertible. But there are also times in which war is the just course of action and peace must be temporarily sacrificed for the sake of a greater good. On January 9th, the anti-war activists who convened at a teach-in in Manning Hall on UNC's campus refused to even contemplate this second point.

The issue, of course, was the impending war with Iraq, and the teach-in, of course, was a one-sided affair consisting of speeches from well-meaning people who do not fully understand what a war in Iraq may accomplish.

The teach-in was organized by the Campaign to End the Cycle of Violence and UNC SuRGE. It featured five speakers, who each spoke for about 15 minutes and was admirably kept to this limit by moderator John Cox, a UNC history graduate student.

The audience, about 150 strong, consisted largely of students and was generally receptive to the speakers, but not overly so. There was no angry discontent, no anti-American chanting, no folk singing; just a reasonably quiet group that listened patiently and burst into applause at the expected times.

The general theme of the evening, namely "peace good, war bad," was banged home many times by the speakers as well as by Cox himself who was not afraid to interpolate between speeches numerous anti-war factoids and opinions.

Catherine Lutz, a professor of Anthropology at UNC began the evening with a slide show. Her aim was to win sympathy for the Iraqi people by making us "think about the images you haven't seen" in the mainstream media. Predictably, she showed us images of dying Iraqi children, Gulf War victims, and bombed out buildings in Iraq. "You won't see

images like this," she told the audience repeatedly.

Lutz then addressed President Bush and Saddam Hussein. She admitted that Hussein is a "horrible man" but quickly pointed out that "he is not a demon. He is demonized." Then she displayed an image of President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney. After making a sarcastic comment about Bush's intelligence, she condemned Cheney for being aging, rich, and white.

Of course, Lutz's speech was filled with sentimental truisms ("There are mothers and fathers right now in Iraq worrying in a deeply intense way about whether they and their children will survive through the next month.") and with superficial anti-war arguments ("[Cheney] met Saddam Hussein at one point in the late 1980s and gave the OK to the kind of weapons transfers that we are now supposedly desperately trying to find throughout Iraq."). She also revealed the inconsistency of her approach later when she denounced Bush as being "in love with death." She apparently did not realize that this statement demonizes Bush as much as she claims the mainstream media demonizes Saddam Hussein.

Things improved when Reverend Ray Buchanan, president of a Raleigh-based organization called Stop Hunger Now, began his speech. He had just returned from a fact-finding tour in Iraq and was eager to tell all about how wonderful the Iraqi people are. Less ambitious and truculent than Lutz but more naive in his arguments, he stuck mainly with what he saw and the people he met and continually reminded us that "these people are not our enemy." He also repeatedly condemned the U.N. sanctions on Iraq.

Buchanan had visited Iraqi holy sites, schools, and hospitals, and spoke with religious leaders as well as representatives from UNICEF and the Iraqi government. "Everywhere we went we experienced a general warmth," he said. "The people were genuinely glad to see us....There was no sense that the people of Iraq think we are the enemy."

Indeed, Buchanan was most persuasive when

he discussed the Iraqi food ration program. "Every citizen in Iraq gets a food ration from the government. Every citizen gets about 2200 calories a day," he said, citing his sources at UNICEF. "70 to 80 percent of all Iraqis totally depend on that food ration....If a war gets started with Iraq, the infrastructure for that food distribution system will disintegrate within two days....We cannot allow that to happen."

Buchanan said very little about the political issues surrounding the impending war with Iraq. He also failed to rebut any arguments that show how a resounding U.S. victory will end the sanctions and ultimately improve the lot of the Iraqis. Instead, he, focused on the immorality of war in general, and opposed the war with Iraq on these grounds.

The third speaker, Ali al-Taie, a sociology professor at Shaw University, refused the microphone and presented a rambling and disjointed history lesson that included personal reminiscences and political insights from the Edward Said Blame-The-West-And-Israel school of Orientalism. Indeed, al-Taie was an odd case because at different times, he professed what seemed like contradictory positions. For example, he began by attesting his unabashed loyalty and patriotism to the United States, but later resorted to outright slander by claiming that "Saddam Hussein's regime.... is very close to the nature of president Bush's regime." No explanation of this outlandish statement was offered.

al-Taie continued by claiming that "the reason that Saddam Hussein has been targeted is because...he has not kissed the hand of the United States." He then blamed the troubles of the Middle East on U.S. "colonialism, imperialism, oil-ism...and the behind-the-scenes protecting of Israel." But earlier, he had stated that "all of us in the Middle East, we love you....We have high respect for this culture, this technology, this openness, this objectivity."

al-Taie did not explain how "love" constitutes such things as calculated and heinous acts of anti-Western terrorism across the world, dancing in the streets after 9/11 in the Middle East, anti-Semitic screeds from Arab state-run newspapers, and the general ambivalence to U.S. security by millions of Muslims living in this country.

The fourth speaker, academy award-winning documentary filmmaker Barbara Trent of the Empowerment Project, suffered from none of this high-minded confusion. Like Catherine Lutz before her, Trent went straight for the kill by condemning the impending war and the people who believe in it. In fact, she let a documentary she shot at the

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STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

On February 11, UNC students will cast their votes for the next Student Body President. Each year, *Carolina Review* asks candidates to fill out a lengthy questionnaire that gives them a chance to tell students who they are and why they would make the best SBP. In the next few pages, you will find their *unedited* responses to some difficult questions.

Nathan Cherry

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Hometown: Virginia Beach, VA

Do you prefer cats or dogs and why? Well, if I wasn't allergic to cats, I might like them better. So for now, it has to be dogs. I have three at home – two English setters and a Gordon setter.

Favorite city: Boston, MA

Favorite book: *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway

Favorite CD: N.E.R.D. – In Search of. Damn good CD. Reminds me of Va Beach. Plus, the Neptunes grew up there.

Favorite movie: The Royal Tenenbaums – I love dark comedy.

Favorite class taken at UNC and why: Definitely ENGL35N with Bland Simpson. It's a creative writing class devoted to non-fiction nature writing. Non-fiction can be very difficult to write, but I found it a welcome challenge. Plus, Simpson really infused the class with tidbits of North Carolina history, culture and trivia. The class capped off the semester by traveling to the Outer Banks for a weekend of canoeing, kayaking, dining, and beachcombing. I'm hoping he invites me on the trip this year. (hint, hint.)

Spent last summer: Road-tripping out to Colorado with good buddy Josh Lee, working at a Va Beach golf course, surfing, and hiking a portion of the Appalachian Trail with my dad and my brother.

Career plans: Good question. I'm thinking about law school. I'm interested in international or environmental law. And I would love to travel more.

Favorite US president and why: Franklin Delano Roosevelt. To overcome his hardships and trials of life with such poise and then become one of the greatest presidents of the US (during a very difficult time in our history) is simply remarkable.

Favorite philosopher and why: Yogi Berra – he endeared himself to the American people

not only through his achievements in baseball but through his strangely profound, simple observations about life.

Three historical figures you'd like to meet

and why: 1) George Washington – to hear first-hand his vision and expectations of the young United States during a time of conflict and uncertainty. 2) Eleanor Roosevelt – one of the most selfless and giving people of the 20th century. 3) John Muir – the great naturalist and environmentalist. I'd like to ask him about his adventures and travels. (Look for him on the 2005 California quarter).

What uniquely qualifies you to be Student Body President? I love this University deeply. I have been actively involved in campus life for almost three years now, and I believe I would bring a perspective and a work ethic to the office of Student Body President that other candidates will not be able to offer.

I feel as if I am an effective leader and would be a dynamic catalyst to make things happen.

What is the most pressing issue facing UNC students and what should be done to resolve the issue? I agree with Chancellor Moeser's wish to make UNC into the #1 public university in the nation. I think we all should. However, there are definitely trade-offs involved with such a massive push. Tuition will continue to rise year by year; campus infrastructure may struggle to support rising enrollments and continued expansion. Thus, it is of the utmost importance that the student body be informed, engaged, and involved in the decision-making processes that will occur in the next decade. Student Government needs to develop a long-term plan and must reach out into the growing community of South Campus.

In light of the recent controversy over affirmative action at UM-Ann Arbor, should such policies play a role in undergraduate admissions? Yes. The issue, of course, is whether the UM-Ann Arbor admission policies are consistent with the 1978 Supreme Court case of Regents of the University of California v. Bakke. When Justice Powell delivered the opinion of the court, he said, "Race or ethnic background may be deemed a

'plus' in a particular applicant's file, yet it does not insulate the individual from comparison with all other candidates for the available seats." Furthermore, *Bakke* found that quotas may not be used but that diversity may be a "compelling governmental interest," therefore allowing the use of racial preferences to attain that diversity. So the question remains... are the policies used by UM-Ann Arbor based on quotas? I believe they are not. I urge everyone to read the following website: <http://www.umich.edu/~urel/admissions/faqs/comply.html>

Do you agree with the expansion of "non-traditional" disciplines, like queer studies, within UNC? Yes. I think that UNC should begin to look into a certification or concentration program. Since UNC is a liberal arts school, I believe that it should offer a wide range of curricular choices.

How do you feel about Chancellor Moeser's performance on administrative and student-related issues? I think that Moeser does a wonderful job. Of course, he is only human, and I believe he has made some very public mistakes. Still, he has acknowledged these and has continued to work tirelessly for our University. His vision should be one that motivates and inspires each of us.

What concerns do you have with the Committee on Student Conduct's recent revision of the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance, the guiding document of UNC's honor system and Honor Court? I cannot think of any concerns regarding COSC's changes to the Instrument; I support their changes. Of course, I am concerned whether UNC students will engage in an open dialogue about the state of honor and integrity at this University. In addition, I feel as if students should be more familiar with how the Student Judicial System functions.

Do you support the referendums on a Green Energy or general Student Activity Fee increase? Why or why not? On February 11th, I plan to vote "yes" for the Green Energy Referendum. I believe that UNC has an obligation to lead the way when it comes to environmental issues. Having said that, I am a bit nervous that the money will sit in a fund until it is decided how it would ultimately be used. However, the referendum is the first step in the development of renewable energy sources on campus.

At this stage in the campaign, how has the new campaign financing act recently passed by Student Congress aided or hindered your efforts? As of the time when I answered this questionnaire, it hadn't affected the campaign at all. I had spent \$3.20 on developing some negatives. In the big picture, though, I think a successful campaign can definitely be

run with \$400. True, the fact that Student Congress now funds campaigns has leveled the playing field and makes running for an elected office an option for everyone. Still, I am a bit nervous using student fees to run a campaign.

What book do you recommend for the Summer Reading Program and why? I just finished *In a Sunburned Country* by Bill Bryson. I think it'd be a great summer reading book. It introduces the reader to an area of the world often ignored (Australia) and is absolutely hilarious. Summer reading books should be ones that incoming freshmen should want to finish – and I definitely found it hard to put down.

What advice can you give to Coach Doherty? None, really. I think he's doing a great job. It'd be cool if we still had Neil Fingleton, though.

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, eager to deliver another embarrassing blow 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 staff of the DTH, or you can switch the tracks, saving the DTH staff, but killing the beloved Dean Smith. What do you do?

Seeing that I have only two well-outlined choices, I'd have to take into consideration that Dean Smith will soon be 72 years old. Though he has led the Heels to the Final Four ten times and to the National Championship twice (in addition to having the most wins of any NCAA head coach at 879), Psalms 90:10 says, "The years of our life are threescore and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore." Well, my point is... he's had his time. Save the poor DTHers. Oh, and Dean would probably want it that way, as well.

Tell us a joke. What do you call four bullfighters in quicksand? Cuatro sinko.

Ben Pickett

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Hometown: Lexington, NC

Do you prefer cats or dogs and why? I have always preferred dogs. I lost my dog last year that I had for 14 years, so I miss the companionship.

Favorite city: Washington, D.C.

Favorite book: *Ghost Soldiers*. My grandfather was a decorated soldier in WWII and this

story resembles a lot of experiences that he personally told me about.

Favorite CD: A burnt CD with rap and rock music on it. You can't beat all your favorite artists on one CD. Don't tell the recording industry though.

Favorite movie: Braveheart

Favorite class taken at UNC and why: Religion 27 with Peter Kaufman. It was a great subject to be engaged in since I'm a Christian and Professor Kaufman brought an amazing amount of excitement to the class. Anyone who has taken this class knows exactly what I'm talking about.

Spent last summer: Working in Washington, D.C. on Capitol Hill with the American Association of Political Consultants.

Career plans: I plan to go to Law school and focus on corporate and constitutional law. I hope to begin a career in public service right after law school either running for office in North Carolina or becoming involved in the politics of Washington, D.C.

Favorite US president and why: Franklin D. Roosevelt is my most favorite president. He brought the United States out of the Great Depression and through the most horrific war we have ever seen, all the while being crippled and living with excruciating pain throughout his presidential terms.

Favorite philosopher and why: John Locke is my most favorite philosopher because he wrote about the fundamental ideals and liberties that the United States is founded upon.

Three historical figures you'd like to meet and why: Abraham Lincoln because of how incredibly strong of a man he was to keep this country together and believe in the fundamental ideals of equality of all races. Jesus Christ, because he has changed my life in so many ways. Franklin D. Roosevelt because of how strong a man he was to bring the country out of devastating times.

What uniquely qualifies you to be Student Body President? Since my freshman year, I have been a member of the Honor Court, which gives me very important judicial branch experience that I can carry to the Executive Branch. I will bring Honor and Integrity to a new level within the Executive Branch. Also, I am a member of Phi Alpha Delta, the professional law fraternity on campus. This has allowed me to gain important leadership skills with a diverse group of students. Moreover, my professional political experience in Washington, D.C. and my work with Senator John Edwards in his regional office in Raleigh, has allowed me to gain first hand knowledge of policy making and leadership at a professional level. I will take these professional skills to the Student Body presidency to help improve the UNC community.

What is the most pressing issue facing UNC students and what should be done to resolve the issue? There are many pressing issues that the UNC community faces at this point.

One issue in particular is Campus Security. I have proposed a major overhaul in campus security with a new plan to help keep students safe. Through the Campus Security Initiative (CSI), I am proposing to create a Security Affairs post that will solely work to make the campus safer. Moreover, video surveillance throughout campus, additional security officers around dormitories, and a new Safe Escort program will help to create a safe environment for the UNC community. Students have to feel safe at UNC and I will ensure that the whole UNC community feels safe with the implementation of this new program.

In light of the recent controversy over affirmative action at UM-Ann Arbor, should such policies play a role in undergraduate admissions? I feel that affirmative action should play a role within undergraduate admissions. I fully support the UNC community's position on gearing admissions towards a policy that helps minorities in their pursuit of a higher education.

Do you agree with the expansion of "non-traditional" disciplines, like queer studies, within UNC? I feel that it is the students' choice of what classes they want to take. If queer studies classes were offered, it would be an individual choice whether or not to take the courses. Everyone has the right to have many choices in class options. Thus, the expansion of these new studies will help promote awareness of issues that students may not have normally become aware of.

How do you feel about Chancellor Moeser's performance on administrative and student-related issues? I feel that Chancellor Moeser has done an average job in his short tenure at UNC. I feel that he has made some mistakes but that he has recently stepped up his efforts to become more mindful of student-related issues. The UNC voice has to be strengthened, and I will make sure to be that strong voice that will always echo in Chancellor Moeser's ears.

What concerns do you have with the Committee on Student Conduct's recent revision of the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance, the guiding document of UNC's honor system and Honor Court? I have many concerns with the COSC revisions. I feel that some changes did need to be made, but our student ran judicial system is one of the only true student ran systems throughout the country. It's one thing that the students actually still have a decent amount of control over. Irresponsible changes can not only hurt this system, but also hurt students that come

before our Honor Court.

Do you support the referendums on a Green Energy or general Student Activity Fee increase? Why or why not? I feel that the Green Energy referendum can do great things for the UNC community. My house runs off of solar panels and other efficient ways of using resources, but I think we can aggressively promote a policy like this without having to raise our fees. I do not support any Student Activity Fee increases. I think it is pertinent to maintain our legitimacy within the UNC system of schools by not giving the UNC students any raises in fees. How can we argue for lower tuition when we're raising our own fees at UNC? I will declare a moratorium on tuition and student fee increases, while making sure that the UNC community receives the great reforms needed in the Green Energy Referendum. While my administration is in power, we will continue to fight for the university of the "people."

At this stage in the campaign, how has the new campaign financing act recently passed by Student Congress aided or hindered your efforts? At this stage, the new campaign financing has helped to aid my efforts. I feel that it has helped to add more legitimacy to the campaign process by allowing for all students to be able to run for political office at UNC if they so choose.

What book do you recommend for the Summer Reading Program and why? I do not recommend any books for the Summer Reading Program. The assignment is never used but for a small discussion section when freshmen arrive. Let us enjoy our summer before coming to college. We have to read enough when we get here.

What advice can you give to Coach Doherty? Lobby the alumni to give us risers around all four sides of the basketball court. This will add more intensity to the games and work into our favor. Also, make sure we have one game a year in Carmichael gym that only students can attend. Maybe the home game against Dook? I think so.

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, eager to deliver another embarrassing blow 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 staff of the DTH, or you can switch the tracks, saving the DTH staff, but killing the beloved Dean Smith. What do you do?

There's only one choice, SAVE THEM BOTH. Since I'm the track master, I had al-

ready built a hidden track that runs on the opposite side of the track Dean Smith is on. I would switch the train to the hidden track and save both the DTH staff and Dean Smith. However, I would make sure Coach K would be standing on the hidden track, and then.....yeah you guessed it. No love for Dook.

Tell us a joke. Chancellor Moeser has hair!!!! Ok, maybe he has a little.

Sang Shin

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Year and major: Junior/International Studies

Hometown: Charlotte, NC

Do you prefer cats or dogs and why? Dogs because they can sit, shake and roll over. Seriously, I like both animals because of their companionship.

Favorite city: Washington, DC

Favorite book: *The Lexus and the Olive Tree* by Thomas Friedman

Favorite CD: "Another Level" by Blackstreet

Favorite movie: *Gladiator*!!!!

Favorite class taken at UNC and why: International Studies 80-Cultural Diversity. The class was an open discussion of many topics that dealt with the perception of the different social theories involved in cultural diversity. I really enjoyed discussing topics of diversity with the students in the class.

Spent last summer: As an orientation leader!!! Attempting to make the transition of new students as easy as possible

Career plans: I really don't know yet.... Maybe go to government school or law school. Basically, I would like to do something where I travel a lot and come in contact with many different people.

Favorite US president and why: Franklin Roosevelt because he overcame many obstacles in his childhood, such as polio, and became a very personable President that was loved by the American public.

Favorite philosopher and why: Ronald Takaki because he believes that the only way to overcome difference is through education.

Three historical figures you'd like to meet and why: Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi because of what they did to revolutionize the world. Also because they never gave up and overcame adversity and oppression. Then I would like to meet Pachelbel because he composed Canon in D, which is my favorite song.

What uniquely qualifies you to be Student Body President? For starters, my personality. I believe that I am very personable and students will find it very easy to come up and speak to me, whether just to say hello or to tell

me about their concerns. Also, I have a pre-existing relationship with the administration due to my involvement in the Orientation program. Therefore, I would be able to effectively help solve the communication barrier between the administration and the student body.

What is the most pressing issue facing UNC students and what should be done to resolve the issue?

I believe that the MOST pressing issue is definitely the lack of student involvement in the decisions of the university. Many of the problems facing students are the result of the student's lack of involvement and poor communication. Issues such as parking, tuition, safety and housing can all be drastically improved if there is an encouragement for student involvement and better communication.

In light of the recent controversy over affirmative action at UM-Ann Arbor, should such policies play a role in undergraduate admissions?

In a perfect society, affirmative action would not even be considered. However, since this is by no means an ideal world, affirmative action is needed so that there can be equality among every being. Affirmative action does not always point to racial situations. Gender and Disability are considered in the ideology of affirmative action as well. Affirmative action is important in the role of undergraduate admissions because test scores and grades do not fully determine a person's entitlement to be in a university. Other factors such as economic background and living environment should be considered as well.

Do you agree with the expansion of "non-traditional" disciplines, like queer studies, within UNC?

Yes, if there is a significant interest in the student body and enough faculty to effectively instruct such courses. If all these factors are present, then yes, because it adds to the fascinating diversity that only Chapel Hill offers.

How do you feel about Chancellor Moeser's performance on administrative and student-related issues? The whole Susan Ehringhaus issue has been a hot topic for a while. This leads me to believe that Chancellor Moeser's communication with his own ad-

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ministration should be improved. As for the students, it seems that many student-related issues have been put on the back burner because of a lack of communication. It would be nice to see the chancellor make more efforts to spend time in student-congregated areas as well as attending non-athletic student events.

What concerns do you have with the Committee on Student Conduct's recent revision of the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance, the guiding document of UNC's honor system and Honor Court? I believe that these revisions are a good thing, because student's actions and definitions of student conduct change and must be revisited over the years. Examples such as sexual misconduct and the misuse of internet technology should definitely be addressed because at last revision in 1974 these issues were not relevant.

Do you support the referendums on a Green Energy or general Student Activity Fee increase? Why or why not? Yes, but only if the student body approves the increase. I believe the fee for each individual is very minute, but the fees combined would benefit the environment.

At this stage in the campaign, how has the new campaign financing act recently passed by Student Congress aided or hindered your efforts? At this stage, it has neither aided nor hindered my efforts. I believe the reforms have made everything fair. Everyone has a chance now and no candidate feels that they have an advantage over the other.

What book do you recommend for the Summer Reading Program and why? I would most definitely pick a book that would not cause such a stir as last year's, even though the university was eventually praised for its choice. I would pick a book that would allow students to learn while capturing their interests. How about Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser? Everyone loves food and it is a good introspective view of American culture.

What advice can you give to Coach Doherthy? RECRUIT BIG MEN. Seriously, I think that he is doing a great job. Anything is better than last year and we are definitely on our way back to the top.

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, eager to deliver another embarrassing blow 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 staff of the DTH, or you can switch the tracks, saving the DTH staff, but killing the beloved Dean Smith. What do

you do?

This one is easy. I would definitely save the beloved Dean Smith. Although the DTH staff may be important, Dean Smith is a legend and a big part of our UNC culture. Plus, we can always pick another staff. We can't replace Dean Smith!!! Plus, Dean Smith brings the green to the university as well.

Tell us a joke.

Okay forgive if I offend someone.

Why did Al Gore get a belly ring???

Because George Bush got a Dick Cheney!!!

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Do you prefer cats or dogs and why? Dogs. As a child, I always wanted one; however, my mom never let me because she thought they were dirty.

Favorite city: Ota, Corsica

Favorite book: *The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald

Favorite CD: *Live in Central Park*, Paul Simon

Favorite movie: Rain Man

Favorite class taken at UNC and why: Education 41: Education in American Society. Dr. Unks combines wit and wisdom, challenging commonly held beliefs about American education and society.

Spent last summer: Living with my family in Frankfurt, Germany and participating in a 28-day North Carolina Outward Bound Course.

Career plans: Not completely sure, but possibly education policy or media advocacy

Favorite US president and why: Lyndon B Johnson- Although I disagree with his Vietnam Policy, I admire his persistence in pushing through Kennedy's Civil Rights Legislation. Also, he was a strait shooter. He once commented on a Nixon speech saying, "I may not know much, but I know chicken shit from chicken salad."

Favorite philosopher and why: Homer.....Simpson, the sofa sophist. "If he is so smart, how come he is dead?" "Marge, we had a deal. Your sisters don't come here after six, and I stop eating your lip-stick."

Three historical figures you'd like to meet and why: Martin Luther King, Jr.- The most inspirational leader of the 20th century. Helen of Troy- She launched a thousand ships. Mozart- He invented the rock and roll lifestyle.

What uniquely qualifies you to be Student Body President? I'm so fast that last night I

turned off the light switch in my dorm room and was in bed before the room was dark. In addition, my diverse experience with a wide range of activities on campus has given me the skills to bring students together and make UNC a better place for everyone.

What is the most pressing issue facing UNC students and what should be done to resolve the issue?

Because of the current economic conditions in North Carolina, the university has sustained significant budget cuts over the past few years. These cuts have affected students in a variety of ways, from making it difficult to attract and retain top-notch professors to reducing the funds available for student activities. Although there is no easy solution to this problem, a strong student voice is necessary to ensure that the student interests are protected.

In light of the recent controversy over affirmative action at UM-Ann Arbor, should such policies play a role in undergraduate admissions? Yes. Diversity is essential to any university which seeks to offer a complete learning experience. Education is more than merely attending class and taking notes. True education involves learning from people with different perspectives and experiences. It is important that admissions offices work to create a diverse student body so that students can learn from each other as well as their professors.

Do you agree with the expansion of "non-traditional" disciplines, like queer studies, within UNC?

Yes. Necessity is the mother of invention. If non-traditional disciplines were never introduced, students would still spend all of our time memorizing Aristotle and Plato. UNC must continue to innovate and move forward in its search for knowledge and truth. This includes promoting disciplines that aren't a traditional part of the curriculum.

How do you feel about Chancellor Moeser's performance on administrative and student-related issues? Like any person beginning a new job, I think Chancellor Moeser has experienced a sharp learning curve. He has made some mistakes, but admitted his errors and learned from them. He has increasingly sought the student voice when making important decisions, and I will make sure to continue this trend if elected.

What concerns do you have with the Committee on Student Conduct's recent revision of the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance, the guiding document of UNC's honor system and Honor Court? I am impressed with the work that has been done to revise the Instrument and feel it is important to continually improve our uniquely student-run honor system. I think it will be difficult to

communicate the changes to the large number of students and faculty at UNC, but I feel that both groups will be open to any changes that promote honor and integrity.

Do you support the referendums on a Green Energy or general Student Activity Fee increase? Why or why not? Yes, I support both. Although it is unfortunate that students are faced with 2 fee increases in one year when many students make great sacrifices to attend UNC, both increases will improve the Carolina experience. Currently, UNC's Student Activity Fee is well below the fee of comparable institutions, and the increase will ensure that students receive the services they deserve.

At this stage in the campaign, how has the new campaign financing act recently passed by Student Congress aided or hindered your efforts? With the campaign budgets reduced, we have been forced to be more creative and resourceful. I think all of the candidates have had to really focus on the issues instead of marketing gimmicks. Plus, I don't think my 3-hour Wednesday shift at the undergrad computer lab would cover all the expenses.

What book do you recommend for the Summer Reading Program and why?

I May Be Wrong but I Doubt It, the autobiography of Charles Barkley. No explanation needed...I think.

What advice can you give to Coach Doherty?

You must know when to hold them. It is imperative that you know when to fold them. You absolutely have to know when to walk away. Above all, know when to run.

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, eager to deliver another embarrassing blow 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 staff of the DTH, or you can switch the tracks, saving the DTH staff, but killing the beloved Dean Smith. What do you do?

Who are the sickos that came up with this question, you cruel, heartless bastards.

Tell us a joke.

What's the difference between Duke football and frosted flakes? Frosted flakes know what to do in a bowl.

Why doesn't the Duke football program have a web site? They can't put three w's back-to-back.

How do you keep a Duke football player out of your backyard? Put up a goal post.

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anti-war rally in Washington D.C. last October do much of her talking for her.

The documentary was exactly what you would expect from such a rally: lefties of all ages singing and dancing, holding colorful placards, chanting bold slogans, and generally spouting the kind of flower power platitudes and silly anti-American conspiracy theories that have been the mainstay of left-wing ideology for decades. For example, according to actress Susan Sarandon, who spoke at the demonstration, "Our resistance to this war should be our resistance to profit and the cost of human life. Because that is what these bombs over Iraq are really about! This is about business, the business of distracting attention from Enron and Halliburton!"

There were interviews and speeches from a familiar host of liberal celebrities such as rock star Patti Smith, former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, former Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney, and Reverend Jesse Jackson to name a few. There was an unsettling discussion with a child who had obviously been brainwashed by his parents. The infamous Al Sharpton even made an appearance.

The nadir of the documentary and of the evening was a vicious rant by Damu Smith of a group called Black Voices for Peace. According to Smith, the Bush administration is "the most undemocratic, anti-worker, anti-poor, racist, pro-business, warmongering, elitist, repressive government we have ever had in these United States of America!" This, frankly, is a slanderous and malicious lie - but sadly, it met with applause. Trent should be ashamed for including such vile nonsense in her documentary, and the people who applauded should realize that such shrill rhetoric is exactly the kind of hate speech that the Left so often denounces.

The rest of the evening consisted of Trent, Cox, and anthropology graduate student Michal Osterweil trying to recruit volunteers to do countless tasks for the cause, from licking envelopes to coordinating carpools to lending any kind of support possible. To the credit of the teach-in organizers, the line between activism and sedition was respected throughout the evening. There were no calls to break laws or burn flags. And aside from a few excessive moments in Barbara Trent's

documentary and a few unwise comments by Catherine Lutz and Ali al-Taie, the speakers and the audience expressed no signs of genuine anti-Americanism. Instead, people were encouraged to visit certain websites, read books, write letters, distribute anti-war literature, and attend demonstrations to show politicians and the American people exactly where they stand. These strategies can be found in any high school civics text and are perfectly legitimate. It is a testimony not only to the greatness of our country but also to the discipline of the teach-in organizers that such lawful modes of protest were encouraged.

Of course, the teach-in organizers, for all their good intentions, are wrong about the war in Iraq. They say it is immoral. They say there is no connection between Iraq and

al-Qaeda. These are their two strongest arguments and they may even be correct (although it's highly unlikely). Regardless, the real reason why we should go to war with Iraq has nothing to do with inspection teams and U.N. resolutions and whether or not



Saddam has smuggled weapons of mass destruction into Syria. It also has nothing to do with oil, the brutal repression of the Iraqi people, or the very real possibility that the Iraqi people will benefit tremendously after Saddam is gone (a possibility that the speakers at the teach-in consistently ignored). We should go to war for one reason and one reason only: to make an example of Iraq.

On September 11th, 2001, Americans learned not only that they had dangerous enemies from the Middle East, but also that the United States is vulnerable to any group of terrorists organized enough to get tourist visas and determined enough to kill. This means that the next 9/11 could very well be executed with nuclear weapons. It is the government's job to make sure this never happens. This is why we attacked the al-Qaeda network in Afghanistan, and this is also why we will be attacking the United States' only remaining military opponent in the spring: to show future terrorists everywhere that the United States, the richest, strongest, greatest nation in history, is resolute, will fight for its survival, and will not tolerate enemies.

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INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP NARROWLY AVERTS STORM

UNC Student Affairs threatens action against IV for being Christians.

by Kris Wampler
Staff Writer

It garnered little public attention. But once again, UNC was caught up in a storm over religion. Late December, officials at the UNC Division of Student Affairs threatened to revoke funding and recognition for the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. The offense? IV requires its leaders to be committed Christians; this, the officials charged, did not comport with UNC's anti-discriminatory policy.

Thankfully, the forces of liberty fought back. The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education threatened a lawsuit. The conservative Family Policy Network, which led the charge last summer against the university's summer reading program, promised more controversy. Other conservative groups demanded an explanation and promised action as well. In response to all of this, Chancellor James Moeser wisely rebuked the officials' finding and refused to move against the group. He cited the long relationship between UNC and IV, as well as its valuable contributions to student life.

But a refreshed assault against InterVarsity is now in the works. As reported by the DTH, the Queer Network for Change has launched a campaign against IV on the basis that it discriminates against gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and everyone else who is not heterosexual. QNC, undaunted by the obvious fact that IV's actions are perfectly legal and reasonable, denounced Moeser for his support of the group.

This is hardly an isolated event, restricted to our own little world at UNC. Mike Adams, PhD of the Breakpoint Christian ministry, points out that this is "rather a function of the general animus towards Christians that exists on so many of our college campuses." A concerted effort by the Left exists, all throughout the country, to capture and control higher institutions of education. It is seen perhaps most clearly in the overwhelming presence of leftist professors and faculty members at most institutions of higher learning. It is seen in the many academic courses that teach students to despise the history of their country or encourage them to abandon the values in which they were raised. Filled with countless impressionable students, public education at every level has become the new social labora-

tory. Conservatives have been told by liberals for years that all they want is "diversity" and "tolerance." But to them this means strictly adhering to a dogma that rejects tradition, truth, and meaning to substitute relativism and decadence with the iron hand of force.

Somehow, liberals always manage to pick and choose the kind of freedoms they want in order to mold society into the graven image they seek. It is never the freedom of religious expression that matters, only the mythical "separation of church and state." It is never the right to life, only the right to privacy. It is never the right to choose where to send your kids to school, only the "right" to choose abortion. In this case, conservatives have to ask, whatever happened to freedom of association?

QNC is obviously not interested in facts. In addition to admitting all people regardless of race, religion, or anything else, there are homosexual IV members. The people leading this attack care nothing of discrimination or tolerance of individuals; the very presence and awareness of gays within the fellowship makes that charge difficult to maintain. Homosexual activists want acceptance and endorsement of their lifestyle, and will get it any way they can.

Nor are the UNC officials responsible for this interested in religious freedom. IV chose to require its leaders to be Christians, because that is simply what defines a Christian group. As Adams observed, UNC's position was essentially "that Christian groups could exist on campus only if they would abandon their core religious beliefs and allow non-Christians to become leaders and members." Organizations should and do have the right to choose their leaders. This is critical for any club, secular or religious. Would a pro-environmental student group be satisfied with a conservative, pro-business student leader? Would Choice USA ever stand for a pro-life within its high ranks? Of course not. We must defend freedom of association and freedom of choice, not liberal bleeding hearts or ridiculous fears about hurt feelings.

And we also must acknowledge the culture war being waged. We have been shoved lie after lie, again and again. This time,

thankfully, responsible and vigilant people recoiled and InterVarsity remains unscathed. But a simple battle victory cannot quell the war. There is a real agenda being forcibly advanced at UNC and many other American universities. It is anti-God, anti-family, and anti-freedom, and it must be stopped.

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A Wasted Opportunity

Princeton Professor Cornel West honors Dr. King?

by Michael Burdei
Associate Editor

“The critics have hailed African-American Studies Professor Cornel West as one of the most preeminent minds of our time. His recently released album, “Sketches of my Culture” displays Professor West’s oratorical passion and *unmatched* eloquence. His presence is a mainstay in American media to the point where he has virtually become a household word.” Actually, that statement is not entirely accurate. In light of the achievements of men such as Albert Einstein and Samuel P. Huntington, to name a few, the notion that Professor West is one of the most preeminent minds of our time is certainly debatable. That his eloquence is unmatched might be stretching the boundaries of truth one exaggeration too far. And if Professor West has become a household word, then that word probably rhymes with ‘leopard-skin’, since his opportunistic rants and shoddy scholarship are utterly distasteful.

Worst of all is his evident lack of critical self-appraisal; the word ‘critics’ doesn’t belong at the top of this page, simply because that first paragraph is quoted verbatim from Professor West’s website; he may not be the first person to shamelessly praise himself, but as a nationally recognized intellectual and professor (at Princeton no less), such behavior is disgraceful and unbecoming of a man of his position.

On the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King’s birthday, with the UM – Ann Arbor affirmative action debate looming in the background, Professor West, chosen by UNC to speak in remembrance of the fallen civil-rights leader, fared no better. Wallowing in the politics of black victimization and delivering the most bizarre interpretation of Dr. King’s legacy that this writer has ever heard, Professor West’s outlook of modern America could be summarized as ‘one step forward, five steps back’.

For racial hucksters Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson, continuous racial crisis, real or not, is the lifeblood of their relentless troublemaking, whether it’s engaging in corporate blackmail or precipitating arson. Professor West, for all his intelligence and ability, thrives off similar racial stigmata, though he is quite the charismatic demagogue. Still, his forty minute monologue was a waste of time

from beginning to end because he failed to ask questions pertinent to the health of the black community and made wide, gasping generalizations driven by metaphorical intensity and devoid of any real content.

Of course, there were a few absurdities that beg clarification. For example...“We don’t want to tame or domesticate Dr. King... at one time considered the most dangerous



Professor Cornel West
or Reverend Al Sharpton?

man by the United States government!” exclaims Prof. West. Though he didn’t care to elaborate on what that could possibly mean, did the empty rhetoric sound good! Maybe West thought that a local car dealership had gone too far in celebrating MLK by having an all-day sales event. Such details are important!

But, for the sake of argument, let’s assume that Professor West made the inane comment to introduce his interpretation of King’s legacy, which can be compressed into one sentence: “Brother Martin, we have yet to reach total equality of result, just as LBJ said we would decades ago.” Cackle! Since when did the American founders promise equality of result? Is that what Dr. King sought? In his famous “I Have a Dream” speech, Dr. King praised our written Constitution:

“When the architects of our republic

wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

The pursuit of happiness does not guarantee happiness, something that Professor West either ignored or forgot when he later rambled on about ‘free market fundamentalism’, throwing out the usual grab-bag of inaccurate poverty and wealth statistics in the United States. “Privatize this, privatize that! Is this our answer to everything?” mocked Prof. West. For a moment, I forgot that this speech was in remembrance of Dr. King, but by then, West’s politics were obvious.

“Brother Martin, exclaimed Prof. West, we are reporting to you, the drift of the nation and the drift of the empire of which we are a part, has made it fashionable to be indifferent, to abandon the distraught.” But how are we indifferent, brother Cornel? How have we abandoned them? One would be hard-pressed to find a more tolerant society, even among the Western European nations! Few Americans doubt that slavery was the worst blot on our great history; once black society was given the same legal rights that the rest of America enjoyed, the integration that was to follow required time, which in turn requires patience. As an aside, the empire comment is so outrageously false that it doesn’t even bear intellectual scrutiny.

In the course of his monologue, Professor West reminded his audience that “a nation cannot reach maturity if it cannot come to terms with the death within it.” Indeed, if this maturity is measured by time, then the United States has certainly reached it, grappling and working to solve the problem over the course of two hundred years. But how can the black community make further progress if an intellectual like Cornel West stands on stage with his arms spread wide, surprised that affirmative action, that is, racial preference, is still a hot topic among the American public? “Merit and excellence are being discussed? How impoverished must we get?” cried Prof. West. But merit and excellence *are* very important. If Dr. King’s dream was to one day see his four children live in a nation where they are not judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character, what is a university doing accepting a black student based on the color of his skin and not his abilities? Does Professor West have that little faith in his people?

Aside from his rapid rhetorical flour-

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McCarthyism Revived

Forgetting the past ... or simply erasing it?

by Deb McCown
Senior Writer

While killing or injuring one's opponent to get ahead is considered bad sportsmanship, recent events suggest that there is a socially acceptable alternative that achieves the same ends: witch-hunting your competition. No one seems to care, however, that neither form of self-advancement is the behavior of a gentleman.

Frightening is when all someone has to do is point a finger and cry, "racist," and suddenly everyone begins a mad dash to get as far as politically possible from the accused. All are quick to condemn him, regardless of truth. Then the Mississippi drawl fuels the fire.

It is a sad, sad time when it is no longer acceptable to praise an old man on his hundredth birthday. As the twisted logic reads, he was young in the past, and the past is bad. Modern people ought never to remember the accomplishments of those who have survived it.

It is terrifying, in a country that supposedly values fair trials, for the conviction to be implied in the accusation, terrifying in a nation that supposedly values freedom of speech that a man cannot give praise to his elders without being politically crucified.

On Dec. 5, Lott attended a 100th birthday and retirement celebration for Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC) in Washington, an event that was broadcast live on C-SPAN. Lott gave a speech praising Thurmond for more than half a century on the political stage, which included a run for the presidency in 1948.

The remarks which led to Lott's resignation from the position of Majority leader were directly related to Thurmond's unsuccessful presidential bid. "When Strom Thurmond ran for president, we voted for him," Lott said of Mississippi, his home state, "We're proud of it. And if the rest of the country had followed our lead, we wouldn't have had all these problems over all these years."

And that was all it took; the accusations of racism began by political rivals who conveniently interpreted Lott's praise of Thurmond as nostalgia for segregation. Others began to debate which "problems" Lott was speaking of and what he meant in saying things would be better if Thurmond had won the presidency in 1948.

Thurmond, then the governor of South Carolina, ran for the Presidency on the platform of the breakaway States' Rights or "Dixiecrat" Party, which split from the Democratic Party in 1948 in response to incumbent Harry S. Truman's civil rights legislation. A chief aim of this party was to maintain the status quo of segregation in the South.

Though Truman won the election, with Republican Thomas Dewey a close second, Thurmond won 39 electoral votes and carried four states: Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, and South Carolina. The size of his following revealed the extent to which Southern voters favored segregation.

This is important because it points to the need to judge leaders by their own time. In 1948 segregation was the law and the norm, just as slavery was acceptable in the time of Thomas Jefferson and just as fear of racial mixing was expected in the time of Abraham Lincoln. No one condemns Jefferson for being a slaveholder, and there is no lack of praise for Lincoln as someone who did a lot of good for race relations.

Times have changed; that doesn't mean it is right to punish people from other times with other standards by today's rules. Praise is just as due to a man who did impressive things during the era of segregation as it is to a man who did impressive things during any other period in history, whether or not the era in question coincides with current trends in political correctness.

The Trent Lott incident made it clear that American society is increasingly fearful of the past. And that is no surprise considering that anyone who makes a reference to the past risks seeing his career lynched before his eyes.

It is also important for anyone trying to analyze Lott's comments to note that there have been plenty of other problems other than race relations in the past 55 years: terrorism, school shootings, drug abuse, the breakup of the family, the pressures of immigration and population growth, the Cold War and the development of weapons of mass-destruction, Vietnam, Korea, destruction of the environment and, ironically enough, the McCarthy Era.

There are any number of problems that a different president would have handled

differently. Why Lott's comment was interpreted as favoring segregation is impossible to know – except to say that someone, somewhere, for some reason, thought it was time for a shift in power. And they knew how to cause the shift they desired: *cry racist*.

But all of this assumes that Lott's remarks were made with a political motive in mind, and any such discussion is reading way too much into the situation. Somehow, no one stopped to observe the obvious: it may be that he was just trying to say some good things about Congress's oldest and longest-serving member at the man's 100th birthday party.

As Lott's office reported to the press in a statement, "Senator Lott's remarks were intended to pay tribute to a remarkable man who led a remarkable life. To read anything more into these comments is wrong." But that didn't stop the gossip and finger-pointing that the media began to circulate, nor did it end the continuing accusations by race-baiting liberals.

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer and columnist George Will criticized Lott's reaction to the situation, but, while not lacking in criticism, his words about the Senate leader discounted the accusations against him. "There is no convincing evidence that Lott is a racist," Will wrote, "And his voting record, which reveals a robust appetite for legislative pork, proves that he has no allegiance to the Dixiecrats' theory that the Constitution's enumerated powers fence the federal government off from intervention in important spheres of

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American life. Lott is a legislative mechanic with negligible ideological ballast."

Once Lott realized, bewildered, that his comments had been declared offensive, he apologized, saying, "A poor choice of words conveyed to some the impression that I embraced the discarded policies of the past. Nothing could be further from the truth, and I apologize to anyone who was offended by my statement."

Lott later made 3 additional apologies, none of which was accepted, and liberals continued to insist that the comment was intended to be racist. Less than two weeks later, Lott was pressured into resigning from his position as Senate Majority Leader.

It may have benefited Lott to not devote so much time to apologies and instead to take his cue from Jesse Jackson, who recovered quite well with no apology from the "Himeytown" remark he made in New York City in 1988. But it could be that in this realm of politics, what a person does is not as important as who he is. It is not politically correct, after all, to call a black man a racist. In what columnist Mark R. Levin called "selective moral outrage," the same liberal Democrats who criticized Lott for his recent comments have, in the past, ignored comments in the same vein made by members of their own party.

No one raised in outcry in 1985 when former president Bill Clinton, then governor of Arkansas, signed Act 985, which made the birthdays of both Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert E. Lee state holidays. Nor did anyone complain at a meeting on voting rights suits when several locals in the audience asked why whites had to pay for others' problems and Clinton, the lead defendant in the case, responded in a tone of resignation, "We have to pay because we lost."

The comment did not raise eyebrows in the way that Lott's recent remarks did, despite the fact that implying things would be better if the South had won the Civil War is certainly no more politically correct than implying that things would be better if a States' Rights candidate had won the 1948 presidential election.

And in 1993, while he was President, Clinton bestowed the Presidential Medal of Freedom – the nation's highest civilian award – on former Arkansas Senator J. William Fulbright, long-time segregationist and Clinton's personal mentor, at Fulbright's 88th birthday party with accompanying praise.

Clinton, like Thurmond, did things to specifically cater to a white constituency in his home state that was and to some extent still is motivated by racism at the ballot box.

Lott certainly fell short of Clinton's example of praise for segregationists; he stopped at verbal praise for Thurmond. The hypocrisy here is astounding, and feigned insult by Lott's political enemies only obscures the greater debate over race in a country where race relations are still far from perfect.

This "selective moral outrage" has also led to more recent sins of omission on the part of race-sensitive liberals who mysteriously overlook comments made by other members of their own party. No one complained when Senator Carl Levin (D-MI) gave Thurmond praise in the same vein as Lott's on Sept. 24.

"I am pleased to join my colleagues in paying tribute to Senator Strom Thurmond and hon-



Trent Lott (R-MS) speaks to reporters.

oring him for his unparalleled record of public service to this Nation," Carl Levin said, praising Thurmond's political career. "In 1948, while he was still Governor, [Thurmond] ran for President as a States' Rights Democrat and received 39 electoral votes, the third best showing by an independent candidate in U.S. history."

This statement could have been interpreted as easily as Lott's in honoring Thurmond for his showing as a segregationist candidate in the Presidential race of 1948. But did anyone scream about it? Of course not. He is a liberal.

Beyond the media controversy, the unfortunate result of Lott's words has far-reaching implications, both politically and socially. The most obvious is that American voters will be seeing more of the same. Everyone complains that politicians are bland and that they all sound the same. But this incident shows without a doubt that if one deviates from the expected boredom, even for a moment, he is crucified by the media.

The incident also proves that witch-hunting works as an acceptable mode of political advancement. In this case, there were plenty of politicians in Washington waiting for a slip-up so they could move in for the kill

and take out their rivals, increasing their own position in the pecking order.

While the specific term that is classified as the capable career-wrecker – witch, communist, racist – changes with time, the effects of using the term that's in vogue are the same. Whatever accusation is considered strong at the moment, the method is the same, and it seems that witch-hunting is making yet another re-appearance as a tool of power in the United States.

This controversy has also touched on other political issues of the day, particularly the already-controversial question of affirmative action. This is a relevant issue for students because counter-productive attitudes about racism and race that persist are often promoted by schools like the University of Michigan Law School, which still uses race as a major factor in admissions.

Though President Bush condemned Lott's remarks, the Associated Press reported on Jan. 9 that "Siding with white students so soon after the Lott controversy could be seen as an affront to blacks." There's no telling how long some people are going to drag this issue out. Beyond the utterance of a few unsuspecting words, even the question of language is now up for debate and censorship. This recent turn of events only puts more danger in the controversy that began in 1999 about use of the word "niggardly," defined in Webster's New World Dictionary as stingy and miserly.

The word was used by Charles Dickens in describing a character in *Great Expectations*. It was used in the dissenting opinion of the Supreme Court's ruling in the case of *Griswold v. Connecticut* in 1965 in describing an interpretation of the First Amendment. And it was used in the Revised Standard Version of the Bible (II Corinthians 9:6) in regard to sparsely planted crops.

The controversy over this word began in January 15, 1999, with the resignation of David Howard, an aide to D.C. Mayor Anthony A. Williams, after two city employees said they were offended by his use of the word "niggardly" to describe the management of a fund's tight budget.

As Washington Times Editor Wesley Pruden wrote soon after the incident, "The crime of David William Howard is that he paid attention in high-school English class.... When he used a perfectly good English word in a meeting with two subordinates -- one white, and one black who wanted his job -- the black subordinate said he heard him make a racial slur.

"Two weeks later, after a campaign of racial vilification, Mr. Howard resigned,"

Pruden wrote. "The subordinate, a black man named Brown, apparently presumed that "niggardly" was the equivalent of "niggerly," though the words "niggardly" and "nigger" are not remotely related; indeed, no one has ever heard of an adverbial form of the ugly corruption of the word "Negro," which only yesterday was the word educated people --Martin Luther King, for example -- used to describe persons of African descent."

While even NAACP Chairman Julian Bond told reporters that the word had no racial connotation and that the incident was surely a misunderstanding, the media had hold of the story, and they wouldn't let it go. The word's meaning notwithstanding, even educational institutions, which should be above such misunderstandings of language, have been plagued with "niggardly" problems.

The month after the incident, University of Wisconsin student Amelia Rideau demanded that the word be prohibited after her English professor used it in a class on 14th-century poet Geoffrey Chaucer, and in a later class to explain the word's meaning and background.

The issue also effects students far below the university level, as in an incident this past September in Wilmington. The *Wilmington Star* reported on September 4 that Stephanie Bell, a fourth grade teacher at Williams Elementary School, was formally reprimanded for teaching her students the word niggardly." Parent Akwana Walker, who is black, protested the use of the word in a discussion of literary characters. Bell then received a letter requiring her to send an apology to students' parents and attend sensitivity training, the *Wilmington Star* reported. She also had to agree not to use the word again with her students.

What this means for America's children is terrible to ponder; teaching the next generation that history is to be forgotten, even if its makers are still alive. It is teaching them that if they speak their mind – or say something that even resembles an opinion – they will be punished for it.

Finally, this controversy shows just how much some people are willing to use racial hostility – real or imagined – as a mode for their own political advancement. Removing a politician from office for speaking good of someone whose achievements occurred in the past is not the way to deal with this hostility as a nation.

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ishes, the only solution Professor West offered to contemporary black woes was that there shouldn't be a discussion over preferences: they are well deserved because the oppression black society faced in America was (or is) so bad that...well it's just *that bad*. How does one judge which group of people, whether it was because of their religion or their culture, has been most oppressed? Is there a universal measuring stick? Jews were thrown out from one European country to the next until a certain individual decided to exterminate the majority of them from Europe. That was god awful, but based on Professor West's logic, Jews deserve preferential treatment! How many Christians were persecuted for their beliefs thousands of years ago? Go the Middle East, and one would see that not much has changed. Do they not deserve preferential treatment? If the Jewish community made extraordinary efforts to squeeze out preferences because they were persecuted by gentiles for 3000 years, what kind of progress would they make with their lives, driven not by character and ability, but by handouts instead? Where would it end?

Distraught with this nation's "escalating authoritarianism and unilateral militarism" Professor West suggested that we ought "to debate in a robust manner and encourage healthy democratic dialogue", not that he cared to explain what that actually entailed, or meant. Decrying that "Brother Martin would shed tears over the poor status of blacks today", West assured the crowd that though we have laws, "the police don't enforce it!" "Tough on crime doesn't mean tough on Enron!" exclaimed Professor West. "Our arrogance and imperial ambitions!" What a leap. What does this have to do with Dr. King's legacy? Nothing of course, but towards the end Professor West makes sure to properly honor the civil-rights leader's memory by describing him as a prisoner of hope, not an optimist. "Think for yourself, don't just get more and more curious, get deeper, like Dr. King" philosophized Professor West. It's hard to say what was more off-putting: West's meaningless platitudes, like the one above or "Americans like intelligence, but are afraid of intellect..." or his left-wing commentary. This was some silly stuff.

As mentioned earlier, Professor West is a fairly intelligent fellow. In his undergraduate years, he supposedly understood Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic, which is no small feat. This needs to be stressed since his speech in honor of Dr. King could have centered on a critical self-evaluation of the needs

of the black community as well as on elements of the civil rights movement that haven't stayed true to Dr. King's vision of a color-blind society; its name is the NAACP. What about the problem of a greater proportion of crimes occurring among members of the black community, who serve as both perpetrators and victims? Why are there so many fatherless children? Racial preferences or vast amounts of federal money are not going to fix these problems.

Instead, West spent 40 minutes stroking his ego, using his greater intellect to rattle the oppression saber. We might assume that such actions are limited to an Al Sharpton or Julian Bond; we are presumptuous. Professor West, as his website clearly shows, does not have the stomach for serious self-appraisal, something the black community, if it wishes to make progress, so desperately needs. Professor West praised the Socratic Method: ask questions and implore people to reach a deeper level of understanding. At long last, West might do well to heed his own advice rather than waste our time like so many other racial hucksters do today.

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Cash Cows

Two upcoming referendums invite students to say “no” to good governance.

by Steve Russell
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In the upcoming campus election, students will decide on two referendums to increase Student Fees by a total of \$24 a year for undergraduates and \$26 a year for graduate students. More accurately, students will vote on further subsidies to the usual campus liberals and their tired ideas.

Eight dollars of that increase comes in the form of the Green Energy Referendum. A committee appointed by Student Congress and the Student Body President would control the money, which adds up to several hundred thousand dollars each year. But what would they do with it?

The referendum states the fund would “support renewable energy projects on campus and buy power from renewable energy providers...[giving] UNC the opportunity to reduce pollution and improve public health in our area by using cleaner renewable energy sources (such as solar, wind, and small hydroelectric).” *Saved by the Bell* taught us the dangers of drilling for oil in an academic setting, but do we want windmills in Polk Place?

The truth is there exists no real plan for a productive use of the money. But give the committee that much cash, and rest assured they will find some way to spend it. Students do not have the expertise, financial or scientific, to spend money on campus energy needs – especially those students who will jump at the chance to make such decisions.

The logic behind the referendum contains further holes. The legislation authorizing the referendum states *ipso facto* that “the Earth is experiencing global climate changes mostly because of the overuse of fossil fuels.” Never mind the continued global warming *debate* (it is still unproven, after all) and our recent chilly weather.

More telling of the leftist mindset is the legislation’s decree that “it is...our responsibility to become the first university in the southeast to support renewable and sustainable energy options.” Why? Despite the best wishes of Student Congress, numerous professors, and others, UNC is not the vanguard of the left. Academic time would be

better spent researching clean, safe energy sources like nuclear power.

Student Congress is an obvious target of blame. It failed (once again) to show leadership, instead passing the buck to the student body, just like Democrats in the General Assembly attempted on the lottery. It is the other referendum, and Congress’ current state, that raise more serious issues.

Members of Congress like to point out that the student activity fee, distributed by Congress to registered student organizations, has not risen with inflation. Further-

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more, they argue that because UNC’s fee is less than that of peer institutions, students suffer. The plan, then, is to almost double the money Congress will have to distribute.

The more damning fact is that over a quarter of this fee goes to liberal activist groups, while only four percent goes to religious or conservative groups. Fifteen percent goes to student government and the remaining fifty-four percent funds “neutral” groups, such as Carolina Cancer Focus.

These numbers, from the budget approved last spring, include a dramatic cut for the best-funded group, the Black Student Movement. During the budget meetings, several members of the BSM called into Congress and complained strongly about the cuts. There is a clear feeling of entitlement on the part of liberal groups on campus for this money.

As a practical fact then, doubling the Student Activity Fee will be a huge subsidy to these protest groups, giving them more chances to clog the Pit with madness. Fundraising already sits in a back burner

with many groups, who would rather take the easy money from Congress than search for outside grants or other ways to generate money.

There are few conservative groups on campus (we’re busy studying, not shouting), and the Student Code places restrictions on the funding of religious groups. Furthermore, Christian organizations face special scrutiny, as demonstrated by certain student government officers’ recent hostility to InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

Even worse, Congress is currently flush with extra money to distribute to groups through the subsequent appropriations process. As of this writing, Congress had approximately \$20,000 sitting in its coffers. Student Body Treasurer Michael Vollmer is on record as opposed to the fee increase for exactly this reason. Congress perennially fails to understand (or conveniently ignores) the money that comes in through reversions, or money appropriated to groups but unspent, that eventually returns to Congress’ control.

In fact, Congress has so much money that they passed the ludicrous Daum-Larson Act (or is it Larson-Daum; I’d hate to shatter the authors’ delusions of grandeur). This legislation initiated “public” financing of all student government campaigns, at a cost of several thousand dollars. Along with the free money came stricter rules governing the formation of campaigns. The flaws of this act are too numerous to list in this article, but it again shows the failure of the student politicians and their big, mistaken dreams.

The passage of this referendum would drastically change the activities of student groups. It would mean more protests, more bullhorns, and more lunacy. The Green Energy referendum shows a failure of clear thinking and the victory of greed. In the hands of a few, hundreds of thousands of dollars will go to waste over two years until students would have a chance to vote down the fee. As in the defeat of the United States Student Association referendum several years ago, which kept UNC students out of a notorious liberal lobbying group, the student body has shown common sense in campus elections. Let’s hope history repeats itself.

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Chapel Hill Tops Peer Institution in Baker, California

Baker, California, home of the world's largest thermometer, will surely diminish in importance since the world's largest ram now sits outside the south side of Kenan Stadium, thanks to private contributions from the Belk family. Part of "tradition building," as Coach Bunting calls it, the Ram shall one day compare to the Bell Tower and the Old Well. However, we at *Carolina Review* wonder why Chancellor Moeser allowed the unveiling to take place "in the face of a state budget crisis." As readers might recall, the Chancellor last August turned away a new Jumbo-Tron, also paid for with private donations, because he feared how it would look when he petitioned the state for more cash. While the *Review* does think the statue a good addition to Kenan Stadium, it's time for the university to install the new scoreboard as well.



Erasing History in America's Heartland

In the wake of the Trent Lott controversy, Congressman Dick Gephardt (D-MO) made a politically motivated speech about the Confederate flag, declaring that it should not fly "anytime, anywhere." In response, the director of Missouri's Department of Natural Resources ordered the flag removed from historic sites in the state. Missouri Governor Bob Holden jumped on the bandwagon of those who think it's a brilliant idea to cleanse history in the name of political correctness. Next up: art museums, without the art.

Meanwhile, West Virginia Senator Robert Byrd, a former member of the Ku Klux Klan, has a minor role as a confederate general in the upcoming feature film *Gods and Generals*. The Democratic Party tires hard to sweep his racist *faux pas* under the rug, but old habits die hard, eh?

Calling All Units

For an ideology with such contempt for law and morality, it is amazing that UNC liberals failed recently to get arrested outside John Edwards (D, National Lawyers Guild) office. The police policy of "de-escalation" forced the protestors to cease and desist, lamented Don Quixote-wannabe Scott O'Day, a senior music major. O'Day and his comrades, freshmen Anna Carson-Dewitt and Sascha Bollag, all had prior arrests for civil disobedience, and promise to "step it up until we provoke arrest" in the future. While the trio failed in their attempt to influence Edwards' opinion on US intervention in Iraq, they have set a shining example of criminal conspiracy and the misguided leftist bullhorn mentality. It is unclear what their next protest will include, but if you're driving near Sen. Edwards' office soon, watch out for the speed bumps.

THE LAST WORD

"Every right is married to a duty, every freedom owns a corresponding responsibility. There cannot be genuine freedom unless there exists also genuine order in the moral realm and in the social realm."

~Russell Kirk