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The fall semester has been, to put it simply, turbulent. Who could have expected that, as quietly as the semester began, it would end amidst the national controversy over the academy's reaction to the war on terrorism. Carolina has also seen a quiet debate over a retroactive tuition increase; increased activism by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) groups; and several notable speakers (by the time you read this, David Horowitz will have spoken, an event that as I write this column I cannot wait to attend). The football season has seen the highest highs of my time in Chapel Hill, and the lowest low imaginable—the second half collapse against Wake Forest. The basketball team...well maybe I should not say anything about its start. I can only imagine what the freshmen on campus think their next three and a half years at Carolina will be like. They will surely be entertaining.

The second bi-annual *Carolina Review* Course Review, in the November issue, generated several responses of other students' favorite classes and professors, which I greatly appreciate. Until Student Government or the administration decide to reinstate the old Carolina Course Review system, the *Review* will continue to print course reviews prior to each registration period (I apologize that the last issue came out after upperclassmen registered). However, for the course review to be most useful, we need a variety of input from the student body. The biggest criticism of the current listing is its focus on the liberal arts. I request that students help remedy this shortcoming by submitting their thoughts on the best classes among the other areas of the university, such as the sciences and Schools of Journalism and Education. See the box below for more information.

Thank you for reading, and best of luck with your final exams. Have a great holiday season with your family and friends, remembering those serving abroad and their families, who must celebrate amidst great uncertainty.

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Steve Russell
Editor

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TEACH-IN AFTERMATH

DEAR SIR,

I've just read your Nov. issue. Very good. I found especially interesting the articles on the Carolina response to 9/11. As a 2-degree alumnus of UNC-CH, I hate to see my University brought into disrepute, but I congratulate Michael Burdei for calling nationwide attention to the unprofessional, un-academic America-hating propagandists who are to blame.

Steve Russell's article has several references to Stan Goff, who was prominent in least one of the "teach-ins". Two or three years ago, Goff acknowledged to one of the local newspapers that he is a communist. This leads to a suggestion. Please have one of your bright, young reporters do a piece of investigative journalism to reveal the truth about the Progressive Faculty Network. Who are the organizers or officers? Is it an organization recognized by UNC? Does it get UNC financing, directly or indirectly? Who, specifically, invited Goff and other outsiders (like the rabidly anti-American, Muslim fundamentalist, Masri) to talk at the "teach-ins"? Who is William Blum? His background? Another outsider? Did these people get paid an honorarium for speaking? With UNC (i.e. taxpayer) funds? If so, how much?

In addition, you might take a good, close look at Gregory Wahl, the Law School representative who neutered the Student Congress resolution to support President Bush. Is he a member of the National Lawyers Guild, the association of Marxist-sympathizing lawyers, as is Law School Dean Gene Nichol?

A small but significant point:- Chancellor Moeser was quoted as blathering about "right-wing zealots on campus". Has he ever acknowledged the obvious existence of left-wing zealots? I doubt it. People of his persuasion believe that "there are no enemies on the Left".

Please, let's have an investigation.
J. E. WILLIAMS (BA '50, MA '54)

DEAR SIR,

I would like to comment on Steve Russell's article about the September 17th Teach-In that was held at UNC. Throughout the article, Mr. Russell seems adamant that Professor Goff's use of the word "militant" automatically meant a promotion of violence. He bases this assumption solely on leftist violence that occurred at the IMF and the World Bank in Washington D.C., and not on what Goff himself says he meant by using the word, which is "action that won't back down." I don't understand why Mr. Russell insists on putting words into Goff's mouth, and I refuse to believe that professor Goff would be that hypocritical of

himself and his cause in a public setting.

Speaking of being hypocritical, Mr. Russell continues on to say that taxpayer money was spent on the Teach-In--because it was held at a public university--and therefore was a "gross misuse of public funds" because "it is wholly inappropriate for the people's money to pay for anything resembling a call for violence." As I flipped through the rest of the Review, I couldn't help but notice the unfaltering support of the retaliation efforts in response to the attacks of September 11th. Assuming that these efforts are violent, and that the Review is calling for that violence, I regret the fact that the people's hard-earned tax money is going to a university that helps fund a publication promoting such negativity.

Thank you for your time,
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CHEERS

DEAR SIR,

My daughter has been feeding me copies of your CR. I love to hear those bed wetting liberals whine and squirm when you guys uncover their PC BS. Keep it up and remember, For a liberal to attend UNC on the dole, many conservatives must go to work, earn money and pay taxes.

Thanks,
DAVID COLLINS

CARTOON CRITICISM

DEAR SIR,

I am writing in response to a political cartoon in the November edition of the Carolina Review. This cartoon shows representatives from China, Sudan, and other Eastern nations "voting to end racism and related intolerance" while sitting on the backs of the "people not voting" -- slaves, Christian workers, and so on. This is an extremely valid point, but I can't help asking the question: who is America sitting on? As grateful as we are (and should be!) for our wonderful nation, I don't think any of us can honestly deny that our country marginalizes quite a few people groups as well. To ignore this shows a good deal of self-righteousness and ethnocentrism. When will we stop feigning innocence and acknowledge our own mistakes?

Sincerely,
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Student Congress Refuses to Fund LGBT Salary

Representatives vote down second paid leadership position for LGBT groups. Coordinator Fred Hashagen's paid position now also under scrutiny.

BY MATT RUBUSH

Staff Writer

Despite the outcry from radical gays and lesbians, Student Congress recently rejected a plea to fund a second LGBT Coordinator. That did not stop the current Coordinator from taking potshots at Congress for not getting his way, though.

Fred Hashagen, the paid LGBT (Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender) Coordinator, and Glenn Grossman of Carolina Alternative Meetings of Professional and Graduate Students (CAMP) argued unsuccessfully that Student Congress should foot the \$1500 bill for a second paid LGBT Coordinator because of two recent murders of gay men in Durham. Such a coordinator, they said, would alleviate the stress of thirty-hour workweeks Hashagen has spent, counseling gay men who fear for their safety while meeting other men in Internet chat rooms. They also claimed a second Coordinator is needed to organize workshops on such topics as safe dating and self-defense, and to provide a place to share concerns.

The strongest proponent of the bill was Finance Committee member Liz Gardner who said the needs of gays were unique to all others—and she could meet those needs. In a committee meeting, Gardner said that she would apply for the position she was attempting to fund.

“I’ve had my whole life to deal with the fact that I was born a woman, but these people are coming to college and just finding out who they are,” Gardner argued in favor of her desired job.

Speaker Mark Townsend led the opposition to the bill. From his chair, Townsend read the following from Title V of the Student Code, regarding salaries: “Student Congress has the authority to fund salaries only for non-leadership positions whose responsibilities are exclusively clerical or administra-

tive in nature.” Townsend then noted, “The key word is ‘exclusively.’” Hashagen already receives money from funds allocated to CAMP for this semester, but he only does a minimum of clerical work, and the rest of his time is devoted to his work as LGBT Coordinator, unquestionably a leadership position.

Coming down from his position of Speaker, Townsend argued on the floor, answering Liz Gardner, that no student group is more “unique” than any other. It is “uniqueness,” he added, that qualifies a student group for recognition.

Several other members echoed Townsend’s doubts about Student Congress paying salaries to leaders of student groups. By paying for a second LGBT Coordinator who would do no clerical work, many argued, Congress would set a bad precedent. Those who voted against the bill also believed that if LGBT student groups needed a second Coordinator, there would be a sufficient number of volunteers willing to step up and fill the role, as

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Hashagen and Grossman challenged the argument, stating there is no enthusiasm in the gay community to volunteer because, “Student Congress has done nothing to help gays.” A second student fee-funded Coordinator, they continued, would “stimulate” the gay community into action.

Hashagen and Grossman were also upset that Student Congress gave three thousand dollars to College Republicans to bring David Horowitz to speak at Memorial Hall, but could not spare a mere \$1500 for a second LGBT Coordinator position for a semester.

In the end, it was the voices of Townsend and other opponents including Finance Chair Tony Larson and committee member Allie Perry that prevailed. The bill was soundly defeated, and Hashagen

and Grossman had to leave the floor. They did not gracefully exit, however, shouting epithets such as "You guys suck!" and accusing Student Congress of failing to understand their plight. Then Hashagen marched quickly to the offices of the *Daily Tar Heel*.

Speaker Townsend and Finance Chair Larson complained the next day on the Student Congress listserv about the *Daily Tar Heel's* coverage of the Congress meeting. Rather than following its normal pattern of publishing news about Student Congress on a "Second Day routine," meaning they report what happened two days after a full meeting, the DTH printed an article on the bill's failure—complete with bitter remarks by Hashagen. The article, written by DTH reporter Joe Monaco, gave Hashagen a forum to voice his dissent, including the most damning remark of all, "(Student Congress) is an extraordinarily irresponsible group." Such criticism could not be balanced because, the article stated, "No Congress members were available for comment Tuesday night." In fact, Monaco left the Congress meeting before it was over, to meet his rushed deadline.

Speaker Townsend brought the editor of the University Desk at the *Daily Tar Heel*, Lizzie Breyer, to task for this "journalistic misconduct." Breyer quickly apologized and promised to print a retraction. As of press time, however, a retraction and apology have not appeared in the pages of the DTH. Instead, Joe Monaco wrote another article two days later, which gave Townsend and Larson a

chance to speak, but failed to apologize for his earlier misconduct.

Now, key members of Student Congress are having second thoughts about Hashagen's paid position. Hashagen is only one of five people Student

Congress pays to work. Finance Chair Tony Larson doubts Hashagen's stipend only pays for "administrative or clerical" work. Larson does not believe Student Fees should pay for student groups to have glorified secretaries who really act as leaders. He

and Speaker Townsend are currently investigating Hashagen for taking in cash for his "clerical" work, while his time is devoted to leadership.

"The reason Student Congress pays stipends to people like Student Body President Justin Young is to compensate them for all the administrative work they have to do, which prevents them from holding jobs. The work Fred is doing is for a leadership position, and, in that case, he should not be paid for it," Larson told the *Review*.

Hashagen has been vocal in defending the LGBT agenda on campus this year, maintaining a high profile among the activist community. This string of events will undoubtedly lead to new controversies before the year ends.

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Distinguished Journalist Speaks on the Media

Leslie Stahl, a correspondent with *60 Minutes*, discussed perception, terrorism, and Bill Clinton's pets.

BY CECILEE PAGE
Staff Writer

What do Monica Lewinsky, Bill Clinton's dog Buddy, and Al Gore's beard have in common? According to Lesley Stahl, they are all means by which the media distorts society's perception of the government. Stahl, a broadcast journalist and co-editor of CBS's *60 Minutes*, recently addressed UNC journalism students as part of the 2001 Earl Wynn Distinguished Lecture. She covered topics ranging from the aforementioned distortion of the media, the September 11 "Attack on America," and her experiences as a television journalist, all amidst entertaining personal anecdotes.

The subjects of her speech ranged from Ronald Reagan to Connie Chung. The symposium entertained a vast array of ideas, yet lacked a main theme. Stahl meandered from one idea to the next, delivering a series of random interjections without order or sequencing. But if the blurry focus can be overlooked, Stahl's speech provided an hour of entertainment from her wealth of experience.

One topic of particular interest was Stahl's account of a Ronald Reagan election campaign. CBS required Stahl to air an anti-Reagan advertisement criticizing his health program, education reforms, and any other government program the network could jab at. Incorporated with the text was a series of photographs showing Reagan with children, hospital patients, and immersed in the community. The ad was given three minutes of broadcast time, an exorbitant amount of any news program with only twenty-one minutes total to work with.

Not surprisingly, once the ad ran, Reagan's campaign team called CBS, demanding to speak with Stahl. However, they were not calling to argue against the anti-Reagan display – in fact, they endorsed it! As it turned out, viewers misinterpreted the ad as a promotion of Reagan due to its positive

images. The pictures—Reagan smiling, Reagan holding a baby, Reagan shaking hands—overpowered the attack-filled text. Viewers focused on the images rather than what they heard Stahl say. When asked, the majority of viewers assumed the ad was pro-Reagan.

This is just one of the many examples of perception in journalism offered by Stahl. "Why do you think Al Gore grew a beard?" she asked. Throughout the 2000 presidential campaign, Americans considered him a "goody-goody" (exactly which Americans did so, she failed to mention), and otherwise dull. The beard, Stahl said, is meant to provide a "roguish" edge, a "macho-ness" so that he is more appealing to the public. The actual ratio of those who consider the new Al more appealing is yet to be determined, of course.

During the Clinton/Lewinsky scandal, the influx of "family" images with Clinton and Chelsea arm-in-arm or Bill going to church was not a fluke. The intent was to promote Clinton's "morality" and override the media's emphasis on possible impeachment. If Americans saw Clinton jogging in the city with a Big Mac, then they would (hopefully) ignore the fact that he lied to a jury about his sexual misconduct.

When that did not work, Buddy the dog arrived on the scene and Sox the cat mysteriously disappeared from the public eye. This was after the White House's discovery that in art history a cat symbolizes infidelity. Unfortunately for Clinton, heartening photographs and man's best friend could not ward off Kenneth Starr.

Stahl followed these anecdotes on perception with a personal narrative on her advancement in the media industry. While the audience remained politely attentive, interest did not pick up until the topic of the war against terrorism arose. When asked to comment, Stahl remained neutral. She did not en-

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Book Review: *Manhattan Sharks*

A new book offers a revisionist look at the 1980s, yet speaks to the future of today's college student.

BY SARAH BURNEY

Staff Writer

What will life be like after graduation? How will you prepare for that big job interview? What is the difference between a charcoal gray suit and a gunmetal gray suit, and why does it matter?

Manhattan Sharks, a new novel by Thomas M. Sipos, answers these questions and more in a satirical look at careers and daily life in 1983 in New York City.

It is hard to summarize the plot of *Manhattan Sharks*, since there does not appear to be one upon cursory examination. Dig deeper, however, and it is not just a story of job hunting and corporate ladder climbing. It is a story of friendship, romance, and the search for the perfect résumé.

Cathy C. Calery, of the Cathy C. Calery Career Counseling Center, is a woman driven to be the best in her field. She faces stiff competition in the form of Simon Seltzer and the Seltzer Agency, which is better funded, connected, and respected than the Sextuple C.

Cathy enlists the aid of TVR, a company that does ratings research as well as produces commercials, to air an advertisement on Letterman to attract clients in her key demographic. Kyle Klifton handles her account, and eventually falls for Cathy despite his distaste for her liberal politics. He is attracted to her beauty and brains, she is attracted to his power suit and power tie. It is strange how yuppies can turn even relationships into business.

Meanwhile, recent junior-college graduates Russell Rusche, Rupert Rusche, Patrick Patterson, and Henry Willoughby navigate the treacherous

world of job interviews, office politics, and twice-daily subway rides. The subway is described in nauseating detail, from the first cramped seconds to the final, sweaty rush to freedom. Sipos' description of the sights, sounds, and smells of the borough of Manhattan is no less loving, and could only have come from a native New Yorker. The mention of the now-fallen World Trade Center towers causes a pang of nostalgia, as do the mentions of Reagan before the Alzheimer's took hold.

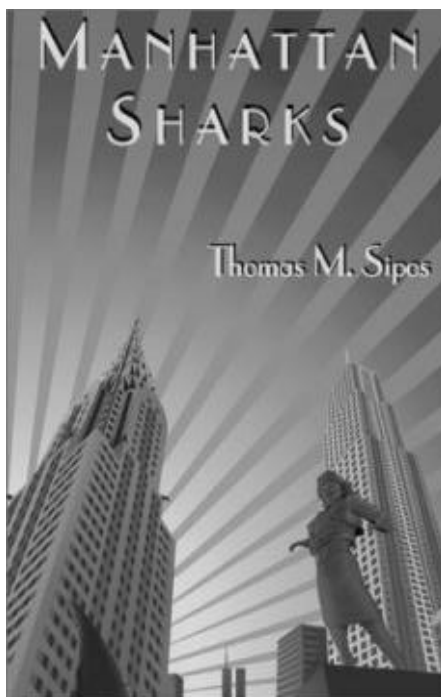
Henry Willoughby is the standout of the recent graduates. He lands a job with TVR as a number cruncher in the ratings department, though what he really wants to do is direct. A meek, mild man with a sensitive digestive system, Henry spends his days flirting unsuccessfully with Sheila the secretary, trying to avoid his loud, abrasive co-worker Bette, carefully planning ways to get the best snacks from the office kitchen, and analyzing Nie lsen and Arbitron ratings that come from binders of varying size and thickness. Henry seems almost Dilbert-like in manner, though to Sipos' credit, *Manhattan Sharks* was first conceived

in 1987, well before Dilbert became popular.

Sipos tells the story in vignettes, and it is sometimes hard to follow where he leads. Nevertheless, the reader quickly adjusts to the somewhat choppy narrative style and becomes engrossed in the stories. The characters are sometimes tough to like, especially when Cathy Calery indulges in that favorite activity of the left, Reagan bashing, but they are always realistic and believable.

Almost all of the names in *Manhattan Sharks* are alliterative, Henry Willoughby being the only exception. It is a rather irritating incongruity,

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Alan Keyes, former GOP presidential candidate

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dorse or criticize Bush's actions, nor did she provide any fresh interpretation of the situation. "I have endless sympathy for what they [terrorist victims] are going through," she said. "Everything is new. Nobody knows [how to handle the situation]...some trial and error is inevitable."

She also mentioned that the president never announces bad news (what about when Mr. Bush delivered that infamous "we are at war" speech?). The public, she said, wants to see the president the way he was in his campaign – as a man who will "take care of us." Given President Bush's 90% approval rating, it would appear they do.

Stahl kept the audience engaged with her opinions on the media and the world at large. She handled the terrorism issue delicately and, instead, geared her speech towards journalism. Finally, as every good journalist knows, she concluded with a joke. So, directly from Lesley Stahl, a "Bill and Al" story:

The 2000 election is over and Al Gore and Bill Clinton decide to reinstate their comradeship with a hunting trip. Bill says to Al, "Come along

with me and let's go hunting in Arkansas." So they gather their gear, outfit themselves in fancy camouflage clothing, and head for the wilderness. In the forest, they hunker down, primed to shoot, when all of a sudden they hear a rustling in the bushes. They crouch lower in anticipation of a deer, but a beautiful young girl emerges instead. At the sight of this gorgeous woman, Clinton straightens up, lowers his voice, gives a wink, and says, "Well hello there!"

The woman blushes and responds, "Hi. What are y'all doing?"

Clinton answers, "We're shooting for wild game!"

The woman flips her hair, swishes a little, bats her eyes (Bill winking and nodding all the while) and says, "Well I'm wild and I'm game!"

So, upon hearing this, Al turns around and shoots her.

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and it makes the novel seem almost cartoonish at times. Perhaps the author's purpose in using this device was to draw the reader's attention to how different Henry is from the rest of the characters. He is not smartly dressed, overly ambitious, or a relentless social climber; in short, he is not a jerk. The reader therefore identifies and sympathizes with him.

Manhattan Sharks is not an instant classic. It was written to be funny and entertaining, and Sipos accomplishes that purpose admirably. His on-target skewering of Donahue and gun control lobbyists is hilarious. In one of his better moments Sipos writes:

Phil [Donahue] pulled the microphone to himself. "Give peace a chance, huh?" The audience applauded. "I think we all agree with that."

The distraught woman leaned into the microphone. "That's what John Lennon died for." More applause.

"Phil - " The pert woman leaned forward.

Phil swept his hand across the studio audi-

ence. "There's a lot of wisdom out here." The audience applauded its own wisdom.

Phil Donahue and the gun control set are not the only sacred cows Sipos leads to the slaughter. Neither communist revolutionaries, nor Woodstock-era hippies, nor gold-digging yuppie women are safe from Sipos' biting satire.

Many UNC seniors will be able to relate to the trials and travails of the characters all too soon, as they graduate from this respected university and enter the real world. The stress of job interviews, the drudgery of office work, and the treacherous world of romance and politics will unfortunately become all too familiar in the coming months. But take heart, seniors – it could be much worse. At least you will not be in college anymore, and the 80s are long past.

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Tuition on the Rise

The General Assembly's recent retroactive tuition increase raised critical questions about funding priorities and the cost of education.

BY MATTHEW HOFER AND JOHN HURST
Staff Writers

A few months have passed since the General Assembly enacted a retroactive tuition increase of \$1,000 for out of state students and \$200 for in state students. On campus, the issue has been less noticeable than in past tuition battles. The whole struggle seems to be nothing more than "old news," but is it?

Increasing tuition is an annual consideration for UNC-CH, the entire UNC system, and the state legislature. Every semester the school receives thousands of tuition checks from students unaware of the nature of tuition increases, why they occur, and their effects. Does a tuition increase benefit the university or does it merely cover for the irresponsible allocation of money?

Student Body President Justin Young believes either explanation could be true, depending on the nature of the increase. Indeed, the recent retroactive increase is meant to alleviate the financial woes of the state government of North Carolina, which somehow managed to blow a billion dollar surplus, resulting in a major budget shortfall. The General Assembly has had a demanding session in light of the slumping economy and Hurricane Floyd's aftermath, but it is difficult for one to be impressed with their efforts when they increased both taxes and tuition. In fact, the North Carolina General Assembly is the only state legislature to raise taxes during this year's economic decline. When the state legislature needed money, it turned to the UNC system and sapped some of the resources previously allocated. To cover for this loss, the General Assembly passed a tuition increase. This type of increase does not benefit the university.

A campus-based tuition increase is far more likely to benefit UNC-CH. SBP Young admits it is a

"balancing act" in which we must weigh a recognized need against the "sacrifices" students are willing to make in relation to their wallets. The benefits of tuition increases dictated by university officials far outweigh the benefits of across-the-board tuition increases with no true direction. In other words, when the student body expresses its desire for a service from the university, it must be willing to pay for that service. In an ideal situation, the campus administration will be sure to have an overwhelming majority of student (and parent) support before calling for a tuition increase. Unfortunately, campus-based tuition increases pose another threat to students: they give further power to the administration, which consistently acts against students' best interests.

**Does a tuition
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Many students oppose Chancellor Moeser's general friendliness to the idea of tuition increases, but under current circumstances the General Assembly

holds far greater authority. The legislature dictates the funding of the University of North Carolina, and this body must accept responsibility for the repercussions of the recent tuition increases. Walter Dalton, co-chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Education/Higher Education, recognized the fiscal decision-making involved with the tuition increases. He stated, "In order to meet our commitment to provide higher education opportunities and in order to fully fund this request, an adjustment in tuition had to be a part of the financial solution." Senator Dalton is sincere in his explanation of this year's budgetary difficulty, but many question the General Assembly's efforts.

One need look no further than the retroactive nature of this tuition increase to see that the General Assembly failed to give adequate consideration to the position of students and their families. Regardless of the support for a tuition increase, there is an

inherent deadline for respectfully making this decision.

The group on campus most affected by the retroactive increase is students from low-income families. Many of these students already feel a strain on their family's budget, and tuition increases are making the situation worse. Unlike the General Assembly, these students cannot retroactively demand a higher wage from their summer job. Students graduating this year may not be able to benefit from outside scholarships and will likely go further into debt to finance their education.

There are other repercussions felt by students. Some will have to work more to pay for the extra financial burden of both retroactive and regular tuition increases. Students working extra hours will see detrimental effects of those used hours in a lower GPA and less time available for a healthy social life. The University of North Carolina must also recognize the academic advantage of maintaining the best student body regardless of a student's capacity to pay.

Every time tuition is increased, a group of qualified students is either financially forced to choose other educational paths or have its opportunities at UNC limited by the need to work extra hours to support its education here.

Nonetheless, there is a balance to be found between tuition and excellence. North Carolina citizens must recognize that the share of costs paid by the taxpayers today will be returned in increased revenue for the state in the near future. When taxpayers support UNC and other public institutions, they are helping themselves by sharing the burden with the well-educated students entering the workforce from the universities.

Likewise, students and their financial supporters must accept college as an investment in one's future economic situation. The money spent on tuition and the effort put into competing in the classroom should be maximized. In many ways, this is only fair, as recent studies have shown that the in-state student will see a return on their investment of tuition, housing, and lost wages by almost 600% over his or her lifetime.

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As the national trend demands higher tuition, the university must follow suit, to an extent, to remain competitive. State schools feel the pressure of this competitive environment. In the last ten years tuition has increased 40% at state schools, in comparison to 33% at private institutions. As a well-regarded national institution many universities seek either to place themselves in UNC's position or to go beyond it. Our recruitable intellectual resource, the faculty, is always in limited supply.

UNC's ability to maintain its reputation is a testament to past leadership. But today the major indications of reputation such as rankings are read on a year-to-year basis, often ignoring the long-term ramifications. A more careful analysis of costs and outcomes amongst top public universities shows that UNC performs well, but could certainly improve. By re-ordering *US News & World Report's* data on reputation, UNC improves from 28th place to a tie for 23rd. Peer institutions such as Michigan and Berkley are tied for

10th and 5th respectively. Comparing UNC's relatively low tuition to these universities' costs is a source of pride for Tar Heels, but students at these universities seem to be getting significantly more for what they pay. The rise in the cost of education in the United States is not the result of a competition for students; it is the competition for excellence, higher paid, more prestigious faculty, and improved facilities that UNC's lower tuition does not permit.

More generous aid packages of over \$10,000 a year compensate for the extra cost incurred by Berkley and Michigan, compared to an average of \$7,129 in aid per year at UNC. A far greater percentage of students at Berkley and Michigan receive financial aid, 48% and 35% respectively, against only 26% of UNC students. With fewer and less generous aid packages, tuition increases at UNC create an unfortunate cycle. First, students must accept the burden of the increases or chose other avenues of education. Next, to compensate for remaining scholarship students' inability to pay, the average student must pay more. Under these circumstances much of the economic costs are passed on to middle class stu-

dents who struggle to pay for college while receiving little or no financial aid. It is yet to be seen whether higher tuition will help to create more aid packages.

The brevity of a student's stay at UNC has a great impact on campus politics and students' tendency to object. Students do not fight for parking because the results do not affect them. Tuition battles may be the reversal of this circumstance, as students oppose paying for results they will never see. Yet the students remained silent this semester. These effects are almost unavoidable, so when will UNC students attempt to positively affect administrative outcomes?

"Students feel disempowered," SBP Young said, among other reasons, concerning why student outcry against this most recent increase was so low. Opposition to tuition increases must reach its target audience at a civil level in order to be effective: protests have had no effect recently. Students have the power to exert their influence in state politics through their votes, and the political response is prudent because a politician will think twice about voting to increase tuition if he or she knows it will cause him or her to lose a massive amount of votes. Previously, politicians have relied on the apathy of youth

and ignored the effects of tuition increases. It is true, though, that not all increases are bad for students.

Much of the tuition debate is academic for the retroactive fall increase because legislators designed it to meet state budget shortfalls and not to benefit the university. Many institutional powers will continue to support tuition increases as a means to improve the educational quality at UNC. The Michigan and Berkley examples show that regular tuition increases, like the one currently under consideration in South Building, do not inherently have negative consequences. Administrators also seek other ways to finance the

University, such as the recent bond package that will increase the taxpayer burden. Students may not be forced out in a mass exodus by the general increase, and loan and grant packages will compensate for some of the personal costs. In the long term, the quality of faculty will improve, although current students will never see such changes.

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Lecture Simplifies “War on Terror”

Former National Security Advisor Sandy Berger spoke on foreign relations, the military, and the economy as American responds to the 9-11 attacks.

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Carroll Hall was overflowing with students, faculty members, and even diplomats when Sandy Berger arrived at UNC on Wednesday, November 7. He spoke on “America’s Fight Against Terrorism: Challenges and Change,” in response to the September 11 attacks on America. Berger, who was President Clinton’s National Security Advisor, also expressed his position on President Bush’s actions since 9-11.

Despite his political leanings, Berger announced his support for President Bush, who he said is doing a “good job” despite criticisms for both “bombing too soon” and “not soon enough.” Berger also raised criticism of the Administration’s not putting in ground troops, then later involving them in the “War on Terrorism.” The speech focused on five main questions:

- 1) How should the United States fight this war?
- 2) Can the United States succeed?
- 3) Will the country ever return to a sense of normalcy?
- 4) How will these events alter the “international landscape?”
- 5) What will happen to the economy?

Berger began by identifying the enemy as terrorism itself, as well as a “moral relativism” that has “crept in around the world.” He noted the frequent opinion, “one man’s terrorist is another man’s freedom fighter,” and then deemed this to be an unacceptable line of reasoning. Currently, some parts of the world view Osama bin Laden as an advocate for social justice. Instead, Berger claimed that he has simply “exploited a grievance” from the Palestinian cause, and does not have any real concern for the “five million starving Afghans.” Bin Laden’s true objective is to “Talibanize” the world by spreading

his vision of Islam, further “polarizing the world between the West and Islam.” Berger believes that the United States should “focus on the direct, immediate threat” and “destroy the organization that isolates them (Al-Qaeda), not us.”

This focus makes it clear that the United States “can, must, and will succeed” in the “war on terrorism.” Berger stated his belief that the country will succeed if it “organizes for the long haul,” continues the use of military force in Afghanistan until it displaces the Taliban, and can justify the use of force by maintaining a clear distinction between victims and perpetrators. Berger said bin Laden and his followers look at examples from Vietnam, Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, and Somalia, and view the United States as “weak,” and think they can “outlast” America. He also warned that the United States should remain mindful

of its allies, especially Pakistan, and the difficulties facing General Musharraf.

Berger elaborated on a personal anecdote from his days in government, claiming that most people did not want to serve in the Central Asia area, calling those countries the “Ickystans.” These sorts of attitudes must change, he implored. He cited the possibility of a UNC satellite campus of the Kenan-Flagler Business School in Qatar as a step towards greater understanding and the reconciliation of “Islam and modernization.” Already a controversial campus issue, the support of a national figure is noteworthy.

National security was another of the issues tackled by Berger during his lecture. He admitted that it is difficult to change the ways of this country, where we typically do not question others and are accustomed to many freedoms. The key to improving security is to be “alert, not inert,” by “adjusting to...a higher degree of uncertainty,” and taking precautions such as tightening borders and protecting

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He explained how other countries throughout the world have faced uncertainties just as the United States is currently, citing the fact that seventy bombs have exploded in London over the last thirty years. If Londoners can continue about their business, then Americans will be able to as well. Berger then remarked that other countries must also adjust to the September 11 attacks. He sees the attacks as a "pivot point" in history, around which future events will rotate. The United States must remember the enemy in the war is terrorism, rather than Russia or China, or other countries with which America once disagreed. These events must not become "reminiscent of the Cold War." Meanwhile, nations in Central Asia and around the Caspian Sea should work together in recognizing and discouraging repressive regimes, all the while developing useful resources for them to depend upon, like oil.

Berger admitted that the United States is currently facing an economic recession, filled with, "uncertainty" in which the people "cannot make production and consumer decisions." He concluded that government intervention will stimulate the economy. This intervention should take the form of "strong fiscal policy" where the government must "pump money into the economy" with low taxes and low interest rates, and even low energy prices.

Despite his involvement in Democratic administrations, Berger seemed to side with the current Republican philosophy of lowering taxes and interest rates, instead of raising government spending, to provide consumers with more disposable income. The damage done by the September 11 attacks spread to

the "pillars of the economy," such as the automobile industry, which almost had to shut down only two days afterwards because parts were stranded where airlines and airports were not yet back in operation. Just as individuals must adjust, Berger encouraged the business community to realize the increased risks it faces and cautioned it not to "hold the gun until it's too rusty to fire."

Throughout his lecture, Berger managed to remain impartial, indicating that the "War on Terrorism" transcends all differences possessed by the United States' diverse population. How much the actions of the previous administration, with the aid of Berger, exacerbated the situation in the Middle East and Central Asia to their current state is too difficult a question to analyze conclusively. It could be argued that the roots of the hatred towards America were visible after previous

attacks, and stronger action should have been taken then.

Overlooking the potential mistakes of the past, Berger stated that although the nation is in "dangerous waters," it has overcome other challenges, including the Revolutionary War, Civil War, Nazism and World War II, and communism and the Cold War. He continued that our "enemies are not ten feet tall" as we make them out to be. If the United States remains "resilient and resourceful," it will achieve success.

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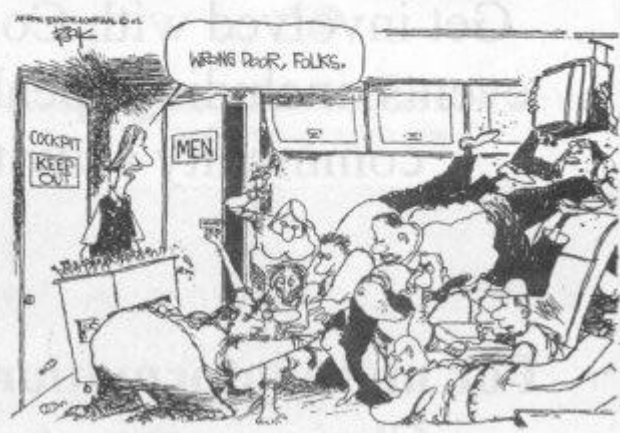
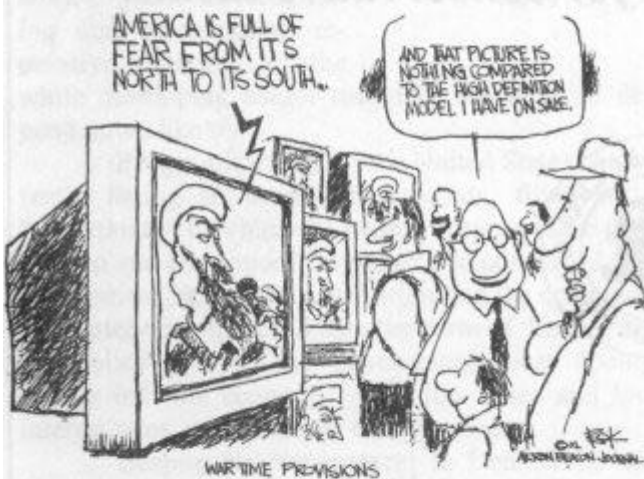


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Their Worst Nightmare

What a wretched two months it has been for our campus leftists. As if it were not unpleasant enough that the September 11 attack confirmed to the public that foreign policy should be left in the hands of conservatives; as if they were not forced to recognize Middle-Eastern terrorists are so extreme and repugnant that they cannot be hidden under the cloak of the oppressed; to top it off, our lefties find Americans brimming with a degree of patriotism unseen in decades and a determination to fight "the evildoers."

And just when they began to get their "progressive," nonsensical anti-war message out, what else could possibly go wrong? One of their most prominent *former members* himself showing up at UNC, that is what.

"I'm going to UNC so people can see the person who has been smeared and character assassinated," said controversial conservative David Horowitz to the "D"TH. Cry Havoc!

Horowitz's speech was tied to a recent ad he placed in the "D"TH regarding anti-war demonstrations on campus. The ad also discussed Mr. Horowitz' former life as a sixties radical who helped organize some of the more shrill anti-war rallies. One can actually picture Noam Chomsky fans seething with venom at the prospect of Horowitz having the gall to show up on Chapel Hill's beautiful, "progressive" campus to trouble students with those annoying "facts" and "experience."

Rumors that extreme activists will one day be able to tell the difference between "honest dissent" and "rabid hate" are premature.

Hell Hath No Fury Like a LGBT Coordinator Scorned

An angry Fred Hashagen, the LGBT Coordinator at UNC and winner of this month's *Carolina Review* Drama Queen Award, disrupted work at the "D"TH Tuesday evening, November 13, when he burst into the office and unleashed an angry tirade against Student Congress for rejecting a stipend for a second LGBT Coordinator (see article on page 6). Witnesses report that between pouting like a little girl and screaming like a banshee, Hashagen expressed his incredulity that a campus institution had actually demonstrated enough common sense to stand up to liberal forces and refuse to give the LGBT agenda special treatment. Hopefully the Administration will take note. Now Congress should eliminate Hashagen's \$1,500 "administrative" stipend so that your tuition does not pay the *salary* of the leader of campus LGBT groups.

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Shrinkage

Carolina Review takes its role as a defender of truth, justice, and the American Way very seriously. That is why our all-star legal team paid careful attention to recent proposals to contract two or more Major League Baseball franchises. After a decade of pitching staffs watered down by expansion, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Montreal Expos are perfect candidates for contraction. The Quebecois never appreciated baseball; Tampa Bay bears the double shame of its comical four-word name and serving as punching bag for the Yankees (a team that needs better competition given Boston's decade-long absence from the game).

Sadly, MLB wants to contract the history-rich Minnesota Twins, who not only fielded a competitive team this past season (something Montreal has not done since the '94 strike and Tampa Bay can only dream of) but also was home to such legends as Harmon Killebrew, Kirby Puckett, and Jack Morris. Unfortunately, politics will play a role in contraction, as Florida's legislature and generous tort laws may prevent the contraction of baseball's biggest laughingstock. Montreal, meanwhile, will likely be glad to see the Expos go; baseball should be equally elated to depart a city that would gladly hate baseball for no other reason than its American heritage. We applaud baseball's efforts to improve the quality of play and help restore its previous glory.

Back at the Zoo...

Meanwhile, UNC seems to ignore the mistakes of baseball's expansion era in debating the establishment of a new "franchise" in Qatar. Years from now, Carolina could be in the same position as baseball, as eager expansion into exotic locales creates more problems than could be justified by the money generated by expansion. It would be a genuine shame if poor attendance and revenue problems necessitated the contraction of shiny new pseudo-Carolinas all across the globe. The administration should establish satellite campuses only after careful and comprehensive deliberation.

Exporting Diversity

Like your mama told you, if something is worth doing, it is worth doing right. So we at *Carolina Review* feel that if Carolina does establish a business school campus in Qatar, it should have all the benefits and amenities of Chapel Hill. Most importantly, it should have paid LGBT Coordinators! A stipulation of establishing the Qatar campus should be permission for administrators to seek out "open-minded" and "tolerant" individuals among the devout Muslim population of that nation to champion the LGBT cause.

Much like our own Fred Hashagen, these upstanding individuals could perform such vital campus functions as whining, organizing drag shows, whining, attempting to justify their salary, and whining. Once Qatar sees these enormous benefits our Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgendered staff worker provides Carolina, they will surely be persuaded to abandon their veils and embrace us with boa-clad open arms...

The Last Word

The nation that forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten.
Calvin Coolidge

Whatever America hopes to bring to pass in the world
must first come to pass in the heart of America.
Dwight D. Eisenhower

There is nothing the body suffers the soul may not profit by.
George Meredith

One sword keeps another in the sheath.
George Herbert

What is my joy if all hands, even the unclean, can reach
into it? What is my wisdom, if even the fools can dictate to
me? What is my freedom, if all creatures, even the botched
and the impotent, are my masters? What is my life, if I
am but to bow, to agree, and to obey?
Ayn Rand

God grants liberty only to those who love it and are
always ready to guard and defend it.
Daniel Webster
