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# Reasons why I still hate those Dookies

I always hated it when alumni came back and waxed rhapsodic about their undergraduate years.

So why listen to me, you might ask. Well, usually in this spot the DTH runs an old chestnut I wrote about Why I Hate Dook. I had a Wednesday column back in the Bronze Age of 1990, and I told the story of how my high school visit to Durham turned into a flaming pyre of white-hot hostility.

When the piece ran, I thought my friends would disparage the obviousness of it — writing a column about hating Dook? Instead, the column ended up on refrigerators across the Piedmont, and it taught me two lessons. First, don't overthink your duties; and second, never underestimate the hatred for Durham Clown College.

A whole cottage industry has since grown out of the UNC-Dook rivalry: two big-selling books, endless coverage on ESPN and gigabytes of Photoshopped files featuring Mike Kryshwghskdi. What used to be private disgust is now a public phenomenon, and it raises the question: Is Dook still worth hating?

I assumed, like everyone does, I'd mellow once I graduated. I'd gain a little perspective, and my passion for beating Dook would gradually drift away. I'm here to tell you these things don't necessarily happen. My eye-twitching contempt of Dook's basketball team grew. How could it not, when faced with such a consistent hoopster jerk factory?

How can you watch any Coach K press conference and not feel this man is a modern-day Narcissus so fixated on success that he'd throw his own players under the bus? A tightly wound mess of resentment and profanity, the toxic combination of a control freak with a thinly veiled persecution complex? Yes, I was a psych major.

And believe me, I wouldn't bet three cups of snot that there isn't some person like me in the other camp. But I wouldn't trade places if the Buddha himself showed up wearing a navy blue unitard.

I'll tell you why: I got to choose my church. Having grown up without an organized religion, I adopted the Carolina Way. I adhered to the Dean-Gut-Roy belief system and incorporated it everywhere: doing things the right way; playing hard, smart and together; valuing your family above all.

We all burst from Chapel Hill in a plume of gorgeous blue smoke, wafting to all corners of the globe where other like-minded souls await. The "sky-blue mafia" has beds for you in Manhattan, an internship in Hollywood, and we'll save your spot in line at the K&W in Rocky Mount. There is no old boy's network, no secret handshake. We just share our affection for a town on a hill and this: When we see Dookies clogging our TV, our lips curl, and we seethe.

Is Dook still worth hating? Find yourself in the midst of the Kameron Krazies, a numbnut group of ravenously twee dorks who shellac their nipples with blue food coloring, scream cruel epithets at opposing teams, then jump up and down with the mindless lockstep of the Communist military.

There's just so much to despise! Every religion must have its Devil, and ours is Blue. Whether you're in an 8 a.m. econ class trying to stay awake, or in your nursery trying to get your daughter to sleep, we're in it together. God bless them Tar Heel boys!

*Editor's note: The above column is a version of one that appeared in 2008.*

**DTH ONLINE:** See Williams' original 2008 column. For the 1990 masterpiece, visit: <http://bit.ly/Dooksucks>

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# Election Day postmortem

While we await election results, something for current and future candidates to consider

The Board of Elections' ludicrous hearing of disqualification for student body president candidate Rick Ingram late Monday night was an appropriate end to an election season that made a mockery of student government at UNC.

In some ways, this election was typical. Platforms were still painfully long and painfully broad. Promises have been inflated.

Yet the platforms also offered a comforting sense of continuity compared with the ridiculous violations, allegations, and conduct of both the campaigns and the Board of Elections.

Really, the only reprieve from both the insanity and the inanity of it all was former Student Congress Speaker Deanna Santoro's suit against the BOE filed at the bitter end.

With an injunction on the outcome pending that suit, the pain is temporarily eased.

While we wait, there are three issues that campaigns need to address going forward: platforms, general conduct by campaigns and by the Board of Elections, and the Student Code's election law provisions.

**Platforms**

As always, platforms were large. They weren't as large as some years, but what remained was the product of a lot of people trying to fit as much rhetoric as possible onto each of their narrow planks.

It needs to go. Aspiring bureaucrats need to learn that no one wants to read word vomit.

Future candidates: Have a defined vision and don't feel inadequate with a concise platform. Keep them short, and keep goals tailored to what you can actually do. If you need perspective, consider the following:

One of our favorite examples was Ingram's plan to address

gentrification. Not only is he unable to affect gentrification, but it's in large measure the result of student renters in historic neighborhoods. Way to advocate for student needs.

Ian Lee wanted to change the tuition model completely. We thought it was an interesting concept, but in reality, the best a student body president can do these days is fight to minimize tuition hikes.

Since former Student Body President James Allred's impassioned speeches against tuition hikes in front of the Board of Governors, no one has even delivered on that.

Mary Cooper wants to expand CCI printing. One caveat: There's no money. And we doubt Townhouse is ponying up the cash for it.

Brooklyn Stephens wanted a "Carolina Calendar," even though it already exists. Creating a new one might never happen either.

With the exception of Stephens, conduct was abysmal this year.

Lee should have resigned as student body secretary, and Ingram and his manager were both loose cannons. Through all of this, the BOE sat idly by, leaving some issues unaddressed and addressing others poorly.

**Conduct**

Then Monday, UNC entered the twilight zone.

Brooklyn Stephens, who has been the one completely non-controversial candidate in this election, rode a horse through the Pit. The steed was gone soon enough, but we're not happy that it left behind something else starting with an "s."

That night, the race culminated in the farce of a proceeding that was Ingram's disqualification hearing. Everyone finally got to air their petty

grievances over trumped-up charges. Seriously — "cooter"?

Mary Cooper admonished the crowd at the end for bringing in donuts and popcorn, but we couldn't find better live entertainment on campus.

With the online stream, we actually couldn't find better entertainment off campus. It was like an episode of Jerry Springer — pettiness bought into only by the participants. The crowd rolled.

**The Code**

If our intelligence wasn't the most abused thing in this election, then the Student Code was. The BOE made a poor decision which allowed Ian Lee to stay student body secretary when he should have been forced to resign.

Too bad there's two sections of the Code that make this crystal clear. To save himself from embarrassment, BOE chairman Andrew Phillips simply decided the other one wasn't worth ruling on. His revival of "separate but equal" makes about as much sense as the first.

And who could forget UCommons? The Student Union showed that it would stoop to whatever lows necessary to buy its way into student's hearts. When that wasn't enough, it asked its own employees to go petition for its placement on the ballot.

Student Congress has passed some referendum reform. But it needs to be sure that no institution can ever be this abusive with its resources in an election again.

As for the candidates, we think that the Code is clear on who can run. But making the Code BOE idiot-proof might be necessary after this season.

So to the 2011 elections, we can't wait to say, "So long." It's been fun. It's been real fun.

But it's hardly been real.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

*"It's another wrench in what has already been a dirty, complicated campaign season."*

IAN LEE, STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT CANDIDATE

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT:

*"This is a student body president election. Save the politics for when you get your JD."*

HA., ON THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT ELECTIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Join the social justice rally on Jones Street in Raleigh

TO THE EDITOR:

This Saturday is the fifth annual HK on J, Historic Thousands on Jones Street, rally in Raleigh. The rally centers on a progressive 14-point people's agenda focusing on many social justice issues, specifically educational and economic equality as well as equal protection under the law. This year there will be particular focus on the resegregation of public schools, regressive tax cuts and civil rights abuses, especially in the Latino community.

Being a public university, it is our duty to use what we learn here and the resources afforded to us to give back to the state and work for social justice on a local level. These issues are critical to our own University's commitment to diversity and accessibility. Students at this University have been at the forefront of every major social justice movement this state has seen, and this Saturday we have the opportunity to continue the legacy.

These are crucial issues affecting the well-being of all North Carolinians. HK on J represents a coalition of 100 community and civil society organizations. Come support your fellow statepersons in the quest for human rights and remember: Forward together, not one step back. Visit [www.unchkonj.wordpress.com](http://www.unchkonj.wordpress.com) for more information and the link for signing up for a seat on the bus or for carpooling. Buses and cars will leave from Davis ATMs at 8 a.m.

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Campus Y

Jennifer Nwachukwu  
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Committee

Everybody needs to quit whining and cheer for UNC

TO THE EDITOR:

Regardless of the outcome of the student government elections, one thing is certain: UNC has a serious case of the whinies, and it's kind of embarrassing.

First it was Rick Ingram whining about Ian Lee, and then Lee got the spirit and whined about Ingram. Mary Cooper did not want to be the odd person out, so she threw in her whiny voice. Then Ingram fired back with a big, long whine about how everyone was whining about him. And if Brooklyn Stephens knew what all the hoopla was about, she probably would have whined, too.

As if that was not enough, on Monday our Student Congress speaker resigned so that she could legally whine to the Student Supreme Court about how the Board of Elections needs to whine more.

This is getting a little ridiculous. I am sure whoever is elected will do a fine job. There are definitely more important things to occupy our minds, like how we are going to beat Duke tonight. Quit yo' whining and be happy; we're lucky enough to be at the greatest University in the world. Go Heels!

Scott Hiers  
Political Science  
Sophomore

Santoro served admirably as speaker of Congress

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Congressional Research Service, I would like to thank Deanna Santoro for her service as speaker of the 92nd session of the UNC Student Congress. Deanna truly embodies honor and integrity — two principles that are at the core of our Student Code.

In August 2010, Deanna created the UNC Congressional Research Service to analyze the communication, policy and outreach efforts of our Student Congress. Our team will continue to serve the student body with the greatly appreciated support of Deanna and our 92nd session of Congress.

Please let Deanna's resignation as speaker serve as an opportunity for all students and members of student government to reflect on our commitments to the Student Code. No matter the outcomes of the Feb. 8 elections, let us set aside cynicism and uphold the "light" and "liberty" our University represents. We are all Tar Heels, and we are all Carolina.

Tia Davis  
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Service

'Drew who' cheers aren't respectful or sensitive

TO THE EDITOR:

As I stood in the crowd at the Florida State basketball game this past Sunday, I was disheartened and disappointed to hear my peers begin a raucous cheer of "Drew Who."

Now I love Carolina basketball as much as you, and I certainly bleed Carolina Blue. I too am surprised, saddened and disappointed by Larry Drew's departure from UNC, and I am not here to argue with anyone on whether his decision was right or wrong. However, it was extremely rude and tasteless of our student section to begin shouting this cheer.

Coach Roy Williams, the team and the entire basketball program have all stated that they have been shocked, hurt and even angry about the news of Drew's departure, and it was disrespectful and insensitive to yell this cheer to a team that is coping with the events of the past week. As Carolina students, we should personify the values of this great University, and we are much better than such degrading cheers. So fellow students, I implore you to please, keep it classy. Go Heels!

Sarah Broadwell  
Freshman  
Undecided

Carolina character counts; good riddance, Drew II

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently my middle school son, Noah, lost his first wrestling match. He shook his opponent's hand and then walked over and shook the opposing coach's hand — the only kid to do so. I hope my son goes to UNC. We will not miss Larry Drew. Carolina character counts.

Lee Lambert  
Chapel Hill Resident

# Transcript troubles

Another blunder in implementing ConnectCarolina

If you've applied to jobs or internships recently and needed a transcript, you're familiar with the frustration at the Office of the University Registrar. UNC's switch to ConnectCarolina forced the registrar to work with an inefficient system during a time when students most need transcripts.

The registrar expected a slowdown in processing requests because of the transition to the new system, but ConnectCarolina's lack of efficiency is irritating.

Christopher Derickson, University registrar, said budget woes forced the office to adopt a version of ConnectCarolina that wasn't tailored to its specific needs.

In recent years, the registrar's

website has told students to give at least 72 hours for a transcript to be processed. The current six-to-seven-day waiting period makes for an unwanted surprise to a student submitting a last-minute transcript request.

It is clear that UNC made a poor decision in how it implemented ConnectCarolina. Its inferiority to Student Central is ridiculous — students cannot even print an unofficial transcript online, which makes this transcript backup even more aggravating.

What makes this situation worse is the poor timing of the system switch. At this peak season of internship and employment searching, Derickson said the registrar receives around 2,000 requests a week for tran-

scripts. The volume of requests already causes a bottleneck in processing, so there is no reason that an inefficient system should be incorporated into the hassle.

Despite the setbacks with the new system, the registrar is working hard to make sure that students get the transcripts they need in a timely manner. Derickson has promised to contact employers, internships and graduate schools to make amends if a student does not receive a transcript in time.

Affected students should take him up on this promise.

We have good faith that the registrar will continue to work to ensure that students affected by the system switch are given an answer.

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