

# Clinton's immorality hurts his family the most

## The media humiliates Hillary and Chelsea.

Why can't President Bill Clinton keep his hands to himself? I know, everyone is sick and tired of hearing about President Hornball and his perpetually unzipped trousers, but this is an issue of growing importance, especially because the adulterer

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in question is the man expected to lead America into the year 2000. Clinton is immoral; this is as much as the American public is comfortable with shouting. Some have compared him to Kennedy, others to Nixon. Our hormone-

crazed chief has a fixation on the type of women with big hair and tight jeans, who is apt to run to the press even before she reapplies her lipstick. Just as Clinton ain't no Kennedy, Jennifer Flowers and Paula Jones ain't no Marilyn Monroe.

The press and the public are fascinated with the gory details of the affair, but have not reached the danger of its consequences or the emotional aftermath. CNN has had 24-hour coverage of Monica Lewinsky, pictures of her wider-than-natural smile and her "friends" testifying to her secret affairs. A video of her high school graduation was played, as well as an interview with her principal.

Is this "evidence" really newsworthy? Can anyone attest to their high school principal's ability to effectively judge character?

The media is devouring any and all of the dirty details they can get their grubby hands on, and instead of hearing news with any intellectual substance, we are subjected to tabloid-like material of illegally-

acquired tapes and semen-stained dresses. Let's turn away from these allegations, realizing that there is not a scrap of credible evidence, and consider what the president is being charged with. If Clinton faces impeachment, it is because he asked Ms. Lewinsky to lie, not because he had extramarital relations. There is nothing illegal about having an affair. Some may say Clinton is immoral, sex-crazed or irresponsible, but he did not break any laws by being a slimeball. Men cheat on their wives and boyfriends cheat on girlfriends. Bill cheated on Hillary.

Speaking of Hillary, let's consider how the first wife must feel. She has taken the "stand by your man" stance, astutely suited in yellow, nodding along as her husband is speaking, just as she has done since he was elected. We don't see her cry, we don't see her gasp in horror and we don't see her hit Bill over the head with a flower vase. I don't care if Clinton didn't sleep with this girl; Hillary still deserves a public apology. The American public is looking at this

situation, and the message that it receives is: "If I have an affair and I'm discovered for the philanderer that I am, my wife will stick by my side." How can Hillary defend women's rights issues if she has no rights of her own?

Now, let's consider Chelsea. Over the break, I watched Bill and Hillary on vacation and thought to myself, "What could be more embarrassing than watching your parents dance with each other in their bathing suits?" Bill answered that for me. If my father cheated on my mother the way Clinton has, I would feel hurt, mortified and neglected. It is one thing to hear it in the home; it's another to see it on the news. How can we expect her to live a normal life from here on out when her father has been involved in the biggest scandal of recent memory?

Lastly, let's consider the dog. I believe Clinton saw this event coming and bought the dog to avoid the press stampede. "Buddy" is not the proper name for this pup. It should have been "Media Diversion."

# Attend while you still can

## Students should take advantage of enriching events.

Many students missed a life experience by not attending the Founders' Day Convocation last Thursday. Aside from serving as the celebration of our beloved university's 164th

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anniversary, Convocation featured rich musical selections, moving spiritual passages and, most importantly, the powerful message of speaker Tony Campolo. In his entertaining and enlightening address to the Wait Chapel audience, Campolo graciously shared insights that can prove invaluable not only in the carrying out of our college careers but also for the rest of our lives. Campolo centered his remarks on the importance of approaching college, in addition to pursuits later in life, as more than simply a means to an end, such as a job. He spoke of the pursuit of enrichment and self-development.

All of the preceding sounds like a flowery exhortation of his speech, but I believe that it is necessary to share his message with more people. Campolo's address was crafted for the ears of students, and a liberal estimate would offer that only about three hundred of us were there to benefit. Indeed, the event was apparently battling with a nasty case of apathy among students.

Whether it was the event itself, or poor publicity, both of which may have been contributing factors, that led to the meager turnout is not for me to determine. Rather, I would like to focus on future events and what it will take to get more of us to attend such offerings in the pursuit of the self-enrichment that Campolo detailed in his speech.

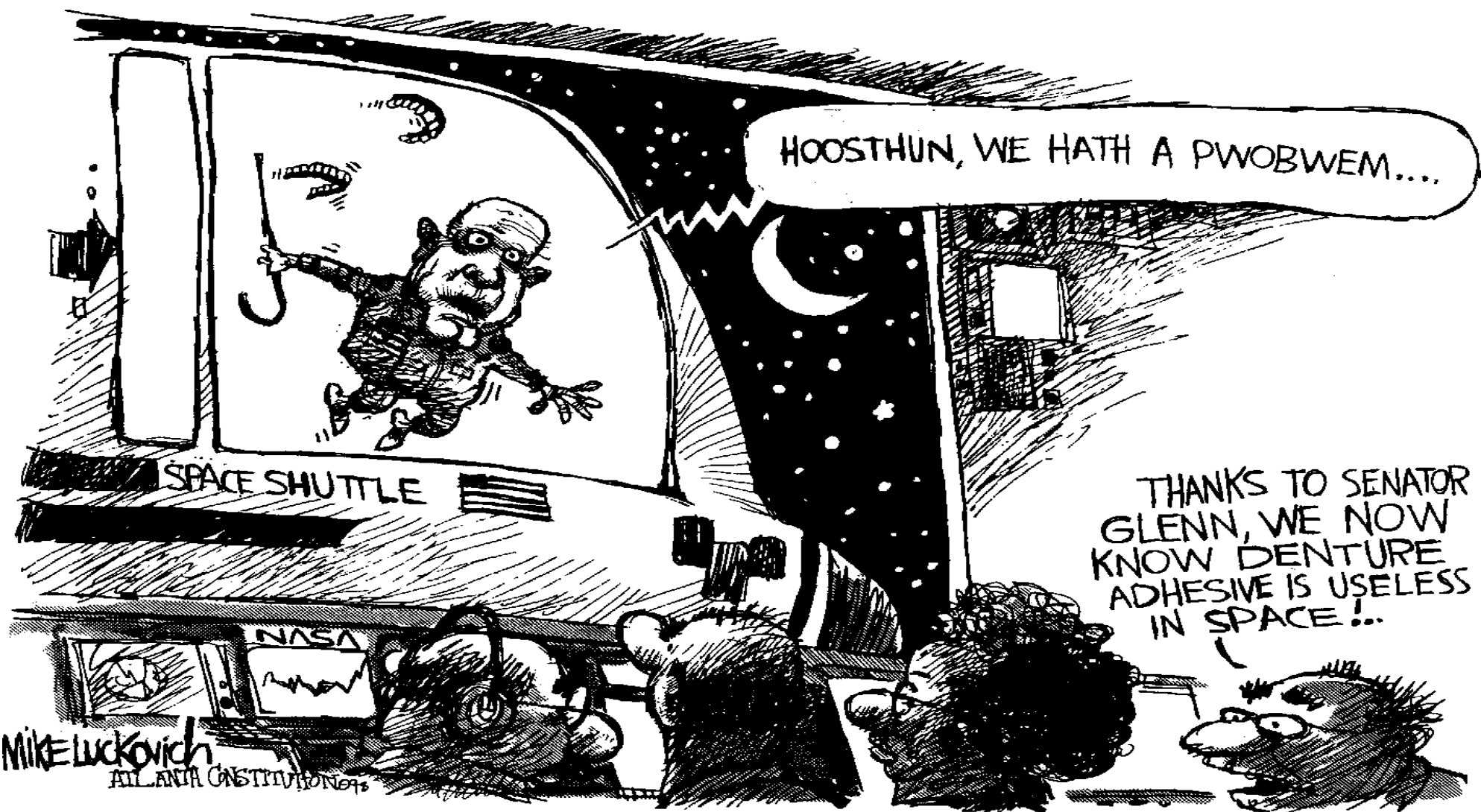
In terms of taking tangible actions to improve the situation, we have prepared a bill to be presented to the Student Government legislature at its next meeting. The bill recommends an increase in student involvement during the planning process of these events. We reason that the more that students are consulted on preparing these events, the greater the chances are that the events will meet the needs and interests of students.

The past several speakers have been very effective, but more student inclusion in the process can only further ensure the selection of quality orators. It is our belief that publicity will be significantly enhanced as well.

But it takes more than just student representation to bolster attendance at these events; it takes a devoted effort on behalf of students to pursue the self-enrichment available. These offerings are one of the few things in life of which one may greedily take advantage because they are free and there is plenty for everyone.

A bigger question also looms large, although it is painful to ask yourself: How can we students ask for more if we do not take advantage of what is already provided for us?

Although I may not see you at the next Convocation due to my impending May graduation, I do hope to see you at one of the numerous Year of Religion events, the Secret Artist Series performances or even a SG Open Forum in the coming months. *Carpe Diem.* Senior Scott Plumridge is president of Student Government.



# Independent advantage for Polo Hall disadvantages all

## The proposed priority points system should be reworked.

The proposed housing system for Polo Residence Hall contains some of the worst ideas I've seen to date at this university. The Polo Hall Programming Committee has submitted preliminary recommendations for the establishment of Polo as an independent-favored residence hall. According to the

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Jan. 22 *Old Gold and Black* article "Polo Hall to favor independents," independents would be favored by a two-tier lottery system which would give any independent a higher number than any Greek.

Before comment can be made on the proposal, it must be recognized that the Programming Committee is not to blame for the situation. Ken Zick, the vice president of student life and instructional resources, said, "The board of trustees in adopting the resolution for financing [of Polo] also adopted the position that it

should be made for independent student programming."

I interpret Zick's statement to mean that no university official or student programming committee has control over the independent theme of Polo. It seems that the program committee's job is to produce a plan for some type of housing that favors independents.

The proposal seems to be designed to foster tight-knit community growth within the residence hall. Closer student interaction within a hall is great, but the problem of the independent proposal is essentially one of public relations. It screams that Greeks are not welcome here, and that is a very dangerous message to advertise to a small student body.

When a rising sophomore receives priority over a rising Greek senior it suggests that a Greek student is viewed as inferior with respect to his or her contribution to community life. In the Polo recommendations, a student who becomes Greek after living in the hall for a year loses his or her "longevity points." Why? Because the student who becomes Greek is suddenly less valuable than before. This system doesn't just hurt the Greek student, but is it also hurts independents who want to live with their Greek friends.

Students would apply to live in a given

apartment in groups of two and four. What determines their acceptance to an apartment is the competitiveness of the sum of their individual priority points. For every Greek added to a pool of four students (up to 2 Greeks), the group's net priority points would suffer relative to that of an all-independent group. In this way, it not only hurts to be Greek, but it hurts to be a Greek's friend.

One of the reasons given for the independent hall is that independents allegedly do not receive as many opportunities for social/community interaction as Greeks. I do not know whether this is true or not, and I don't think it matters. Let's be honest, what sort of "programming" really benefits students? How many students showed up at your last hall meeting or function? (Of course, if you didn't attend you can't answer this question.) Given current residence hall activity (and non-activity) I seriously doubt that special programming will be important to future Polo residents. What will be important are the people who live there regardless of whether they are Greek or non-Greek.

The proposal is noble insofar as it intends to improve independent life and involvement. However, independents have chosen their involvement already. They have chosen not to be Greek. Maybe they chose to sing in the Gospel choir or Chi Ro.

himself to submit Lewinsky's name for job consideration at several companies at which he has connections, apparently in order to keep Lewinsky quiet.

In addition, Clinton himself, supposedly on taped phone conversations, allegedly asked Lewinsky to deny the affair ever happened if she were questioned about it by Jones's lawyers in the civil suit. Asking someone to give perjured testimony (subornation of perjury) is highly illegal. If found guilty of this offense, the incident should qualify as the "high crime or misdemeanor" necessary for impeachment proceedings to begin.

If nothing else, his alleged behavior is unacceptable for any married man. His presidency is, for all intents and purposes, over. Can you imagine him trying to

work with a Republican Congress (assuming Republicans retain control this November) for the next two years? Let us all hope that the country does not get bogged down over the next six months to a year with an impeachment trial. With the situation in Iraq looming, as well as many other foreign and domestic affairs which need proper attention, this is perhaps the last thing this country needs.

Clinton must resign immediately. His "place in history" that has always worried him so is secure, but it is certainly not the place he desired. Perhaps he can save face by resigning and letting the country move on from this unfortunate incident.

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# MORE LETTERS

## President Clinton should resign

President Bill Clinton's sordid and twisted private life has finally caught up with him. Now the time has come when, for the sake of the country, he must resign as president of the United States.

His alleged sexual relationship with then-21-year-old White House intern Monica Lewinsky is enough to make any American cringe.

The rest of the world is now laughing at the United States and

its chief executive who can't keep his zipper up.

The American people have long known that our First Philanderer has had problems with his carnal appetite for sex with, well, rather dubious women. On Jan. 17, at a deposition for the Paula Jones v. Clinton civil case, it is reported that Clinton admitted to a sexual relationship with Gennifer Flowers, a former cabaret dancer, while he was governor of Arkansas.

Although he denied it before his election in 1992, many Americans had a sneaking suspicion that he was lying about the relationship. They elected him anyway, al-

though with an unremarkable 43 percent of the popular vote. For whatever reason, they forgave him for that affair. This time, the stakes are higher.

As president of the United States, one should exhibit a higher level of morality. He should be held to a higher standard. Being Commander-in-Chief of the military and, in effect, the leader of the free world, requires this. Although he may not have broken the law with Gennifer Flowers, this time, with Lewinsky, the chances are good that he did.

Clinton's influential friend Vernon Jordan took it upon