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## **Daily Beacon Article: "Unloose Prejudices, Stereotypes"**

Commission for Blacks

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as he reached the confrontation, "but this guy is a friend of mine. What's he done?"

"It's none of your business, boy," the officer shouted as he turned to see Stanridge, "Hey! Aren't you Stanridge Hollowback the All-American?"

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friggling badge from God-knows where and yelled 'you're under arrest!'"

"You mean, she's a policewoman?" Stanridge asked incredulously.

"Well, not exactly," the officer replied, "she's a special agent for the Richard Nixon Law and Order Agency."

(Will Dartanian be opening from the jail? Will there be another tremor in Big Orange Country soon? Will this ruin Dartanian's chance to be Torchbearer?)

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Best wishes and happy birthday to the Tri-Delts from the two Bills.

on. It is exposed when Jack grows his full-moon fangs in the Presidential helicopter, frightens the beejeesus out of the Chinese Prime Minister and then goes after the boss himself. "Down Boy!" shrieks this cinematic President, who lacks the real one's icy-cool steel

Washington cocktail hour has begun to sound like an emergency meeting of the American Psychiatric Association. There's even advance proofs floating around of a book on the subject by a panel of shrinks, but Cool Hand Dick says he's as sound as an inflated dollar.

**A correction**  
Yesterday's Student Services column was not written by Mary Ellen Mitchell as indicated. The column's author was Ralph Boston, Coordinator of Minority Affairs in the Office of Special Services.

*our readers write*

# 'Unloose prejudices, stereotypes'

To the Editor:

Just now I over-reacted and lost my temper with one of your own.

I guess once too often I have been assumed to be (1) backward, (2) a Southern Belle, (3) a conservative, (4) a bigot, (5) all of the above by virtue of my home address. It's embarrassing to be in the position of defending my ideas as a person who lives in the South and have it interpreted as waving the Rebel flag.

Lord knows the South has a multitude of problems! But the South ALONE could not have perpetuated the oppression of the Blacks and the poor. The South ALONE could not have enforced sexist laws on the rest of the country against its will. The South ALONE could not have elected corrupt officials to Washington. And surely the South is not the SOLE part of the country where there remains pockets of ignorance.

If the South were transformed immediately to a super-educated, liberal, ultra-humanitarian region, the United States would still need a hell of a lot of work in human rights and in improving the quality of education.

While you are here as a student, you might best use your time to unloose some prejudices and stereotypes. Listen and HEAR ALL kinds of ideas being spoken with a drawl. Then, listen to each other letting slip an occasional racist or sexist joke. And while you're at it, listen to yourself if you ever catch yourself raving about the rampant ignorance in the south. You make yourself sound pretty ridiculous, because YOU came HERE for an education!

Glenda Ross  
Graduate Student  
Educational Psychology

P.S. I can't pass the opportunity to add that some of my best friends are open-minded "Yankees".

## 'What about the audience?'

To the Editor:

Nice pictures of Midler, but the Beacon wins the "No Balls at All" grand prize for not printing any shots of the outrageous *audience* at that show.

Just speaking as a get-down, hardcore hetero, I'd like to lay some sincere congratulations on the gay community for having the style to flash reality in Knoxville's chops in such a brilliant, funny way.

I can't think of anything more hilarious than two dull, uptight organizations like the Homecoming Committee and CEB trying to stage a bogus "nostalgia" trip, and then seeing the good ol' days arrive in stacked heels, false eyelashes, and glitter!

But still no pictures—whatsamatter, you guys a bunch of sissies?

Jim Toohey  
5th Year, Architecture

(Editor's note: The Beacon's photographers had enough trouble taking pictures of the star herself, much less the crowd, because Midler's stage manager would not allow them to come near the stage (the pictures were taken from a distance).

Since most of the "heels, eyelashes and glitter" was in the front row area, it is understandable that few pictures were taken. None were printed for space reasons).

## A note of thanks

To the Editor:

As President of the Student Government this year, I've made a lot of remarks about how disappointed I've been in the lack of student involvement on this campus.

However, I feel an obligation to publicly thank four students who have done a tremendous service to our entire campus. Last Monday in Nashville Steve Miracle, Vic Herbster, Joe Marlin and Holly Heggaman made a very articulate and persuasive appeal to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to refrain from further increases in both state and out of state tuition.

These people became involved in research and advocacy for this student body, and I feel we all owe them a note of thanks.

Bill Haltom  
President, Student Senate