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Daily Beacon Article: “Unloose Prejudices, Stereotypes”

Commission for Blacks

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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 (l) 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 enforced sexist laws on the rest of the country against its will. The South ALONE could not have perpetuated the oppression of the Blacks and the poor. 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 prejudices, stereotypes.

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

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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!

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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

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 Herbst, Joe Martin 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

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.