

## Nudist resort: bearing all flesh



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Wouldn't you just love to have been a fly on the wall at the last Board of Trustees meeting? A clothes-optional spa and resort's offer to buy the land the board recently approved for sale was on the table for discussion.

My first question is, "What the ...?" My second question is, "How exactly does that work?" And my third question: "Is anybody in charge here?"

According to Google maps, nudist colonies, resorts and beaches exist all over the world. While I understand nakedness in temperate climes, I can't quite wrap my brain around the clothing-optional practice in chillier regions where nudists of the frozen or incredibly rugged variety might be found.

Although the early 2012 winter was basically a non-event here, winters in the N.C. piedmont can be unpredictable. Two winters ago, the lake froze over. A year ago, a considerable amount of snow fell.

That being said, you may be surprised to discover that uncovered enthusiasts frequent nearby Reidsville's "Bar-S-Ranch." Durham's "Triangle Area Naturists" or "TAN" engage in nude house parties and beach trips — though hopefully not fishing trips.

But where does In the Buff Naturals think they are? Europe, Ojai in the 1960s? Woodstock?

While Bar-S-Ranch is located on a secluded former cattle ranch and TAN is a non-landed organization, moving around from place to place, we are right in the midst of a lot of stuff.

Will New Garden Friends School, Jefferson Elementary School, The American Hebrew Academy, Brighton Gardens Retirement Community, Friends Home, several houses of worship and a college be willing to support a nudist resort in the community?

This isn't Black Mountain Arts School. Guilford, though deeply respectful of the arts, is not avant-garde enough to buy into parading around naked.

University of North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem? Maybe. Again, it is location, location, location. UNCSA is way too close to Winston-Salem's Old Salem and Salem College to meet Moravian approval.

But here's the real naked person in the room. This is the Bible Belt. As a culture-specific region, we can't even be totally naked. We can't even get a Trader Joe's here; how are we going to get a nudist resort?

While I am personally clothes/no clothes neutral, I am seriously not interested in hearing the constant back and forth about it from, at the risk of being redundant, the political right and conservative religious groups. There, I said it.

Also, how do the Eastern Music Festival folks feel about a nudist resort on the doorstep of their musical youth camp? How about the soccer moms and the football families? Could be an interesting summer.

It would be different if those pesky little double standards weren't already in play. If we could just all grow up and appreciate the simple beauty of the human body and teach our children that naked is natural and not nasty, life would be peachy.

Unfortunately, the fact remains that a nudist resort in our area is a long stretch mark from reality.

## Early College parties: they do know how to



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To protect the identities of the guilty in this article, all minors' names have been changed.

Although Early College students are renowned for their antagonistic intelligence, we have yet to hear of their social life, whether in the humidity of Founders lobby, the Grill or the tennis courts. So we investigated and found an unseen world of blatant juvenile delinquency.

"No one can laugh that much during ping pong and not be drunk," said senior Bennett Christian. "They lie all over each other, giggling, saying the strangest things. Those kids are definitely cross-buzzing."

For most of the afternoon, Early College students crowd the Founders Lobby, dominate its ping pong table, pool table and piano, all the while "taste-testing"

their Grill cups used for their hidden keg.

"See, it's physics and purely educational," said sophomore Squirt McCoul, age 14. "A tube known as the keg's 'spear' allows for carbon dioxide to pressurize the beer out of the keg, and the valve controls its flow. We sample all sorts of experiments."

To keep themselves unnoticed, these crafty students tape pages of their physics or chemistry books to the cold aluminum barrel of 14 gallons.

"Yeah, we've been doing it for years," said senior Richard Cheney, age 17. "I'm surprised no one has noticed. You would think an institution of higher learning, priding itself on critical thought, would be able to figure it out. I'm just being honest. I'm graduating and don't care. I have a full ride to MIT. You want to hit this? I have to go kill this A&P exam."

Most traditional students, however, are surprisingly unaware of the Early College sub-culture, or at least skeptical of such an image.

"No way — those kids always ruin the grading curve in my calculus class," said senior Charles Carrier. "They can't be that smart and at the same time have a wild social scene."

And what about the Guilford woods? Apparently the Early College students use it as another location to "let it all hang out."

"Man, we have huge parties back in the woods," said junior Cyrus Wyatt, age 16. "We don't have big bonfires. We just light some tikki torches. We don't bring a whole bunch of African drums back there like the traditional students. They're just trying to get caught. In fact, I'm afraid to drive on the same road as you guys."

After investigating this behavior, the layers of Early College racketeering gradually became more apparent.

"I swear I saw one smoking dope in the magnolia tree in front of Dana the other day," said junior George Pettis.

To expound on Pettis' observation, Cheney revealed how the Early College students have marked advantage in underground transactions, most of which — if not all — occur on the tennis courts.

"I control it all," said Cheney. "I set prices. I set deals. And I set people down. If you don't want to pay, you don't have to play."

According to Cheney, he has people in "high places" to seal "loose lips."

"They sink ships and must be taken care of immediately," said Cheney, as he put his hand on the skinny shoulder of Wyatt.

"Cheney? A 17-year-old drug king pin at Guilford College? It might seem strange to have those words in the same sentence," said President and Professor of Political Science Kent Chabotar.

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