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have suffered through at least one restricted study session. The students have responded that the problem is the late nights that we often endure and some have even suggested that the attendance policy be changed to be less punitive and more corrective. With the new lights out policy the administration has taken a step to fixing the problem, but in their own way. After abusing the three absences rule, coming in late to class on a daily basis, and in some cases showing a total disregard for class attendance, the students are in no position to argue their right to stay up as late as they want. As students we all desire the privilege to freely learn through personal experience and choice, but we have blown it by ignoring our primary duty as students. Now we must deal with the consequences.

- Sorrell Massenburg,
Grand-senior

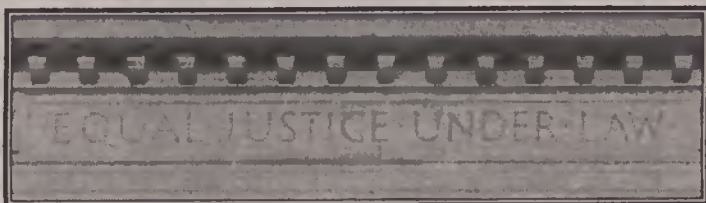
It just amazes me that the



"brightest" students are handled the same way as the toddlers I work with. Except students actually CAN stop doing whatever they want and go to sleep when lights go off. So who actually knows what is best? The administration and a small group of adults? Or the teenagers living their own life and the group of doctors who have spent YEARS studying and proving the idea that some people actually DO work better in the wee hours instead of right after school?

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Falwell and Pat Robertson have begun campaigns for the public to pray for the Supreme Court to "come to its senses" before we all begin living in complete sin, cavorting in the streets with llama, marrying our siblings and collecting



multiple spouses. Conservative newsletter WorldNetDaily writer Joseph Farah calls for the impeachment of the so-called "sodomy 6," referring to the six justices who made up the majority opinion in the decision.

Wild and panicked prophesies aside, many lawyers and professors are seeing a brighter future for privacy rights in many arenas, ironic in the wake of the Patriot Act and

There's nothing better than class till 3.30, practice till 5.30, class (econ for example) till 10.20 then rushing to do all your internet stuff by 12, then the rest of your work till 2. But hey, no one needs to eat, or shower, or potty at all. I know I can do everything in under 4 hours.

- Terri Eller, Senior

Honestly, the lights out policy won't really infringe on my night because I love to sleep and I make it a rule to get to sleep by at least one o'clock every night if not earlier. But, when I'm not so lucky to get sweet dreams and need to pull an all nighter I will definitely be breaking that rule if it is really set in place!

- Anonymous, Senior

We have to learn how to set our own bedtime at some point; isn't it easier to make that transition with the support we have at Science and Math?

- Katherine Tessier, Senior

Even though the 'Lights Out' policy undermines a student's personal responsibilities (i.e. if you stay up until 3:00 am, you still have to go to class. If you don't go to class, you will eventually get kicked out.), I feel that we as students need to understand that [Dr.] Boarman isn't necessarily calling the shots here. He is the executive director of NCSSM, but he answers to a large group of people. In order to gain funding for the school, he has to make concessions. It is very likely that the 'Lights Out' policy is a political compromise that he has made in order to gain money for NCSSM. Nobody likes change and

rising tide of anti-abortion legislation. Despite the fact that Santorum and his ilk see the ruling as a harbinger of fire, brimstone and moral corruption, June 26 marks a decisive victory not only for the gay rights movement, but also for tolerance and cultural progress. Even the negative

public attention devoted to opponents of this ruling is indicative of positive changes taking place in American society. Controversy is the hallmark of progress.

Australia, Canada, Germany, Israel, Japan, Sweden, the UK and many other countries allow openly gay men and women to serve in the armed services. Canada recently legalized same-sex marriage.

Meanwhile, in the US,



nobody likes being told what to do, but we have to recognize that Dr. Boarman DOES answer to people higher-up.

- Jacob White, Senior

Want your students to someday become adults without moderation, discipline, or judgement? Then turn their internet off for them.

- David Lorang, Senior

There are many aspects of this new policy that can be discussed until both the administration and student body are blue in the face, but one important fact remains: the new policy, in conjunction with its manner of introduction, will simply serve to further alienate the student body from the administration, increase student discontent, and distract the SLIs and other staff members from enforcing more important rules that serve to ensure the students' safety (smoking, drinking, etc.).

- Luis Crouch, Senior

The school wants to decrease the stress level, so they force me to do homework earlier and take away my means of communicating with loved ones when I actually have the chance?

- Jason Pridgen, Senior

Let's be passionate about Americans who need health insurance, about how we [discriminate against] Native Americans and don't feel guilty because we gave them some...land in the Mid-West,

ninety-seven percent of students report homophobic remarks from classmates, and fifty-three percent recall homophobic comments from teachers and staff. Eighty-five percent of teachers oppose integrating gay themes into their curricula. Due to their sexual orientation, lesbians earn up to fourteen percent less than their heterosexual female peers.

Scalia's resistance to intervention characterizes an attitude in our society that proliferates a tradition of prejudice and discrimination; a convention that spawns a growing number of hate crimes, suicides and homicides each year. Nationally, Are 1320 sexuality-related youth suicides and 1229 sexuality-related hate crimes per year an acceptable casualty rate for Scalia's "culture war"?

This ruling is a major victory, but the fight for equality and tolerance absolutely cannot stop now. Avoiding the issues will not change reality;

about lack of funding for North Carolina

schools...about drunk drivers or child molestation for crying out loud...do we really have to waste all our passion on trying to get some more AIM time?!

- Anonymous, Senior

I admit I was shocked and angry when I first heard Dr. Boarman speak about lights out/internet policy, but now that I have had time to think about it, the lights out policy doesn't really affect me since I generally go to bed before 2. And I could live with the new internet policy if they moved it back at least an hour; 12 a.m. is just too early to cut it off...Students who get no sleep because they stay up talking on AIM or playing games can...face the consequences themselves. Don't punish the majority if the problem is a minority.

- Rachael Ashworth,
Senior



I feel that they are punishing students for choosing to enjoy themselves while there is daylight and then trying to do the work that is necessary. I am aggravated that the administration would just drop this decision in our lap. They interviewed [non-representative individuals] instead of the average person who gets by.

I agree that we have more freedom than some teens but we are losing the freedoms that most teenagers have...All I heard last year was that we were turning into a regular school...far from it, we are

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confidentiality agreement. The Biology students, Alia Whitney-Johnson, Emily Hon, and Maggie Thompson, spent their days catching butterflies, raising and weighing caterpillars, and analyzing their data at UNC. Their project concerned the effects of global warming on Pieris rapae and the consequences of increased nocturnal and diurnal temperatures. The Physics students, Asiri Ediriwickrema and Jenny Xue, researched "The Effects of Neutron Capture Rates on the R-Process A=195 Peak" at UNC campus. The computer programming students, Frank Chen and Will Tipton, experimented with computer-assisted communication.

A research symposium concluded the summer session of hard work. After a poster showing session, a sharing of their papers and powerpoint presentations, these students headed home to begin their summer, or to complete their community service. Either way, these students will be returning to school in August with valuable research experience and many of them, with plans to continue research during the school year.

Juniors, does this sound like something you'd be interested in next summer? Direct your questions towards any of the students mentioned above, and ask your SLI who you need to talk to to get involved in this program or one just like it.

one in ten of us is gay. Will we deny every tenth person the right to marry, and/or adopt?

Our residence in an insular community such as

NCSSM should not tempt us to inaction; instead, it must show us the promise for a tolerant and accepting community on a national level.

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