

Housing—UNC blows it

The rumors which the University Administration denied so vigorously all spring are true. There are too many students required to live in dormitories for the dormitory space available.

We sarcastically suggested last week that the University take the 5,000 students who are required to live in dorms and draw their names out of a hat to determine which 500 would be allowed to live off campus.

Although we were being sarcastic, our solution appears to be better than the one offered by the University.

The solution which the University thinks best will place three students in small, bleak, dreary dorm rooms which are equipped to handle two students.

University regulations require that all freshmen, junior transfers, and, for the first time this fall, all sophomores, must live in dormitory rooms. We contended when the sophomore rule was made, and again this spring when junior class officers tried to amend the junior transfer rule, that there was no need for such policies.

Dean of Student Affairs C. O. Cathey said at that time, the University "does not contemplate any crowding." Student leaders insisted the University was hell-bent on a course which would cause a great deal of trouble if there was no liberalization of the policy.

The University refused to liberalize either the sophomore or the junior transfer policy but Dean Cathey did say "if there is any crowding, there would be a liberalization of the policy to

prevent above-normal occupancy of any room or dormitory."

Obviously "above-normal occupancy" means one thing to the University and another to the student who must live in dorms.

Since the University refused to listen to student leaders and liberalize the required residence policies there isn't much left to do but live with a bad situation.

We can only offer one suggestion to students now that the University policy has been set.

In a mood of obvious benevolence, the University will deduct 10 per cent of the normal room rent from the bill of those who triple-up.

Pay them one-third of the rent.

The University should not be allowed to make a profit of 70 per cent of the room rent from students who are forced to live in cramped conditions.

The University should not be allowed to profit from its own stupidity.

Education will suffer if tuition bill passes

A bill that would nearly double the tuition of out-of-state students has been sent to the Senate Finance Committee after passage by the N.C. House.

The bill would raise tuition from its present \$950 per year to \$1,800 per year.

We oppose this bill vigorously.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. William T. Watkins (D-Granville), said the raise in tuition would help equalize the cost of putting a student through the University. That cost is presently estimated to be \$2,455 per student per year.

Watkins also asserted that the raise in price would not reduce the number of out-of-state students.

With this, we agree. It simply means that out-of-state students would have a more wealthy background than most of the

present students attending the University.

Having out-of-state students is beneficial to the University because it helps North Carolina students see some of the different life-styles of other states in America.

North Carolina sends plenty of students to out-of-state schools and they are required to pay both higher tuition there plus state taxes to support UNC.

It seems a more logical idea to leave the tuition at its present rate. The state taxes paid by families of students who never attend a state-supported school should make up the difference.

And it means the out-of-state students who do attend UNC would not have a background vastly dissimilar from their UNC classmates who are from North Carolina.

In Our Opinion

Fred Penn

She's ugly, but can she cook?

One of the biggest problems facing the Chapel Hill summer school students is the twice daily problem of trying to find a place to eat.

A noted restaurant consultant, Mr. Ave A. Rottengutt was in town recently to do a survey for a food service interested in building an eatery in Chapel Hill.

"I feel there is a tremendous need for decent restaurants here in Chapel Hill," Mr. Rottengutt said, "but I fear there is no market for the firm I work with.

"Chapel Hill is filled with what we in my business like to call 'Class A Joints.' That is of course differentiated from what the public would call a Class A restaurant. For us Class A denotes a restaurant which returns maximum profits on minimum expenditure. There are several ways in which this can be done, and Chapel Hill has at least one eatery doing it each possible way. Some of them even use two or three of our methods."

Could you tell us, Mr. Rottengutt, what you found in the Chapel Hill restaurants when you made your survey?

"Certainly, boy, I'd be glad to."

Well, what did you find?

"The first place I went to is one of these where they give you fancy

background music to eat with. It's supposed to soothe your nerves and make digestion easier, and apparently it works. The people use what I call top flight music, and second-rate food. The restaurant is actually better than some I've seen since the food is better than it needs to be, but the service isn't all that good.

"One of the waiters makes it a point to talk to the customers as much as possible. That nearly undoes all of the good the music does, and the food turns out to be second-rate, simply because the music, which would make it a first-rate place, is negated by the babble of the waiter.

"There's another restaurant downtown, patterned after one I often visit in New York, that does everything it can to make money, and absolutely nothing to make the food any more palatable.

"First they've got prices so high they are ridiculous. Then they've got the most expensive juke box in town—two songs for a quarter—and they rig that so that only the booth that puts in the money is the one that gets any sound. And thirdly, they've got the wall painted in the most unsettling colors one could imagine.

"Then to top it off, as if the food

could possibly be edible in that atmosphere, they hire the world's most surly waiters. You're lucky if you get waited on within 30 minutes after you sit down."

What about some of the other restaurants in town?

"Well, you've got some sandwich shops and about three or four places that specialize in 'continental' cuisine. They all put so much grease on the food it slides right down your throat, and then you have to race to the nearest bathroom before it slides the rest of the way."

How do these places stay in business if

they're so bad?

"The people around here, especially the students, don't have anywhere else to eat. They ain't got no choice, especially if they don't have a car. The University won't let them cook in their dorm rooms so what else are they going to do? Eat cold pork and beans?"

If you were in the same situation—going to school and not having a car—what would you do for food?

"Well, there are a couple of things that one could do. Either find a girl who lives in an apartment and cooks well or thumb to Durham every time you want to eat."

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