

Closed-out dorm dwellers ponder lottery alternatives

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Many students involved in the recent random drawing for University housing were disappointed with the results—340 students were closed out in 19 dorms—but many say they think the system is the fairest method of selecting dorm residents.

Last year was the first time a random drawing was used to select dorm residents. Before, students waited in line, sometimes overnight, to sign up with their residence directors.

"I think the lottery is the most fair system," said Marshall Bowden, a freshman closed out of Alexander. "I think it gives everyone an even chance." Most students interviewed agreed with Bowden.

But not all. "I believe in the survival of the fittest," said freshman Steve Jacobson, who was closed out of Connor Dorm. "I think that if someone really wants to get back in the dorm they should wait in line for it. I

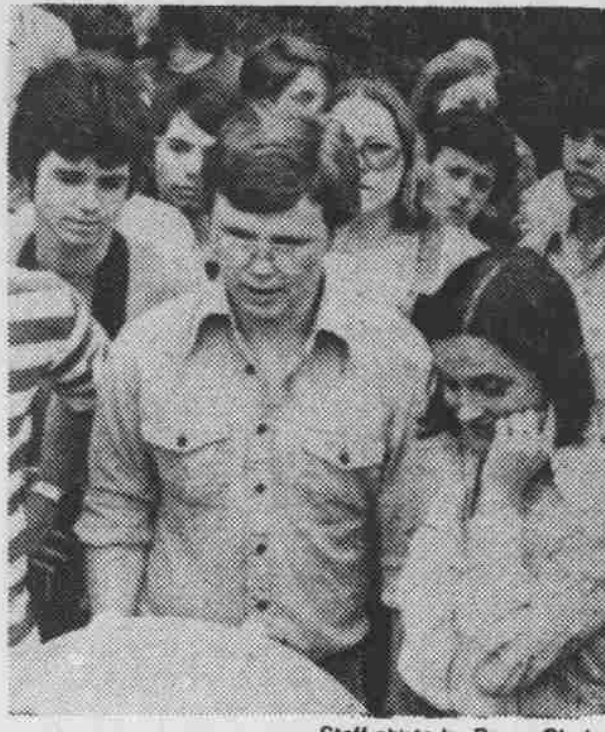
would have waited eight hours to get back in the dorm.

"People that didn't really care about getting back in the dorm got back in. People who really helped the dorm—participated in intramurals, worked in the dorm government—got kicked out. I think they should decide the dorm space using the perseverance method."

Another freshman from Connor dorm, Roy Gallinger, suggested a new method: "We should have a point system for the things you do in the dorm, so that what you do for the dorm determines your priority in getting back in."

Other dorm residents had more suggestions for improving the way students are selected for the limited space in dormitories.

"If they raised the deposit for rooms high enough, it might discourage people who didn't really care whether they got in the dorm," senior Richard Liebman said.



Staff photo by Bruce Clarke

Emotions ran high during dorm lotteries Tuesday.

Building a new dorm would take care of the problem, said Lisa Gerahy, a resident of Alexander Dorm. "But with enrollment dropping in colleges they won't build any more dorms. They would rather screw you than risk getting screwed themselves."

Cut in bus hours, routes expected

The city of Chapel Hill probably will cut bus service 9,000 operating hours and eliminate the N Route next year, interim Transportation Director John Bartosiewicz said at a public hearing of the Transportation Board Wednesday night.

The Transportation Board has submitted four policy options for transportation operations to the Board of Aldermen. Aldermen are expected to select a policy within a month after it has received recommendations from Town Manager Kurt Jenne.

"Option 11 is similar to the current level of service," Bartosiewicz said. He said the option offers good peak service with an average 20 to 45-

minute headway.

This alternative would cost \$990,000 and has an estimated ridership of 1.6 million persons. The present system costs \$955,000 and has 1.8 million riders.

Bartosiewicz said the deletion of the N Route which services the Morgan Creek area will cut costs. He said the 40 to 50 rides daily on the route are not worth the \$24,000 spent on maintaining the route.

Plans for 17 bus shelters also were presented at the hearing.

The planned shelter sites are Highway 54 By-

Pass at Kingswood West drive and another at the east drive, Gommans Avenue and Sykes Street, Bolinwood Loop, Airport Road and Barclay Road (Elkin Hills Apartments), Hillsborough Street at Bolinwood Drive, Caswell Road at Estes Drive, Curtis Road and Lakeshore Drive, Booker Creek Road, Foxcroft Apartments, Pinegate Apartments, Ephesus Church Road at Colony Apartments, Hillview Road at Valley Park Drive, Hamilton Road at Maxwell Road, Raleigh Road at the Oaks, Franklin Street at Carolina Avenue and Franklin Street at Estes Drive.

—MARY ANNE RHYNE

Order of the Golden Fleece: rich in tradition

Annual tapping ceremonies for the Order of the Golden Fleece will take place at 7:30 p.m. today in Hill Hall. Twenty-five persons will be inducted.

Hamilton Hobgood, the judge who presided at the Joan Little trial, will speak at the ceremonies. Hobgood, a 1932 graduate of UNC, was a member of the order when here.

The order was modeled after Yale's Skull

and Bones. It is an honorary for UNC students, and faculty members of the Chapel Hill community.

"The order is based on the Greek legend of Jason and the search for the Golden Fleece," said Cathy Rosenthal, Jason (president) of the order. Selection is based on devotion to the University, a striving for excellence and concern for the welfare of others. Rosenthal said.

"It's a very special, mystical kind of ceremony," Rosenthal said. "You are tapped in front of your peers, and most people are very surprised."

"In the old days, the whole campus would go to Memorial Hall to see their peers who were tapped. It was a very big occasion."

"The scope of it has changed as the campus became bigger, more diversified," Rosenthal said. She stressed that she would like to see the entire campus attending the ceremonies again in the future.

She said the order tries "to be cognizant of things going on within the University. I think it's very important that it does go beyond an honor."

The Fleece is the behind-the-scenes sponsor of many projects, Rosenthal said, although most persons are not aware of its activities. For example, she explained, several years ago the order sponsored an analysis of the honor code. "We try to look around and see what needs to be done," Rosenthal said.

Since its establishment at UNC in 1903, fewer than 1,000 persons have been tapped into the order.

Well-known members of the order, called Argonauts after Jason's followers in the legend, include Tom Wicker, Charles Kuralt, Clifton Daniel, Lou Harris, Charlie Justice, and Susie Sharpe.

—BERNIE RANSBOTTOM

Council sponsors bikeathon

Members of 12 campus sororities will peddle exercise bikes for 20 hours Saturday to earn money to send handicapped children to two Easter Seal Foundation camps in North Carolina.

The bike-a-thon, a Panhellenic Council service project, will take place in the NCNB Plaza on Franklin Street from 6 a.m. Saturday till 2 a.m. Sunday. Each participating sorority member will ride the bike for 15 minutes, the equivalent of approximately 5 miles.

Bike riders will earn money by obtaining

sponsors who pledge to pay a certain amount per mile ridden. Donations also will be accepted.

The bike-a-thon marks the beginning of "Sorority Spring Fling," according to Julie Blazer, president of the Panhellenic Council.

The council will sponsor inter-sorority games Monday. Members will play volleyball in the Pit, and bridge and backgammon tournaments will be held in the Carolina Union.

Tuesday, the nine sororities that maintain houses will hold open house from 2 to 5 p.m.

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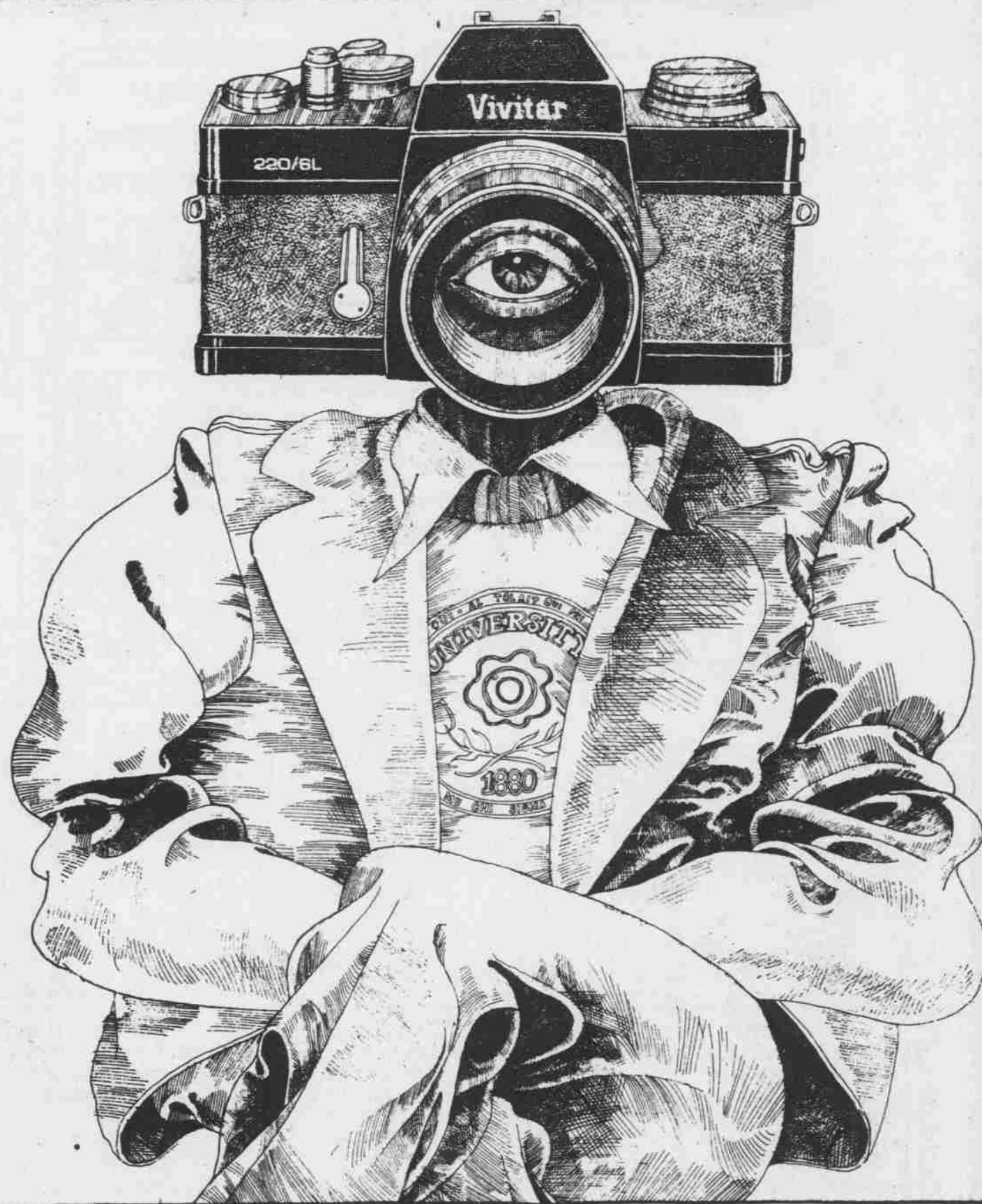
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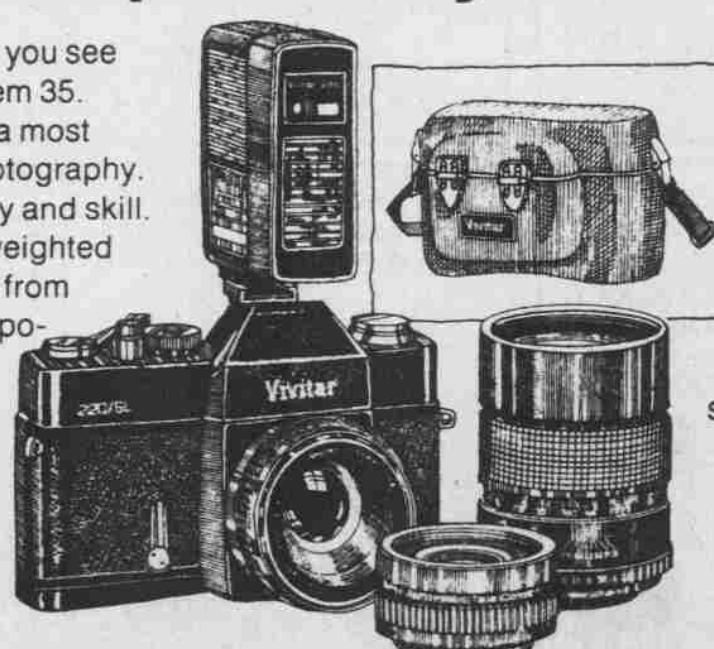
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