

# USC visitation policy proposal causing controversy

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A new policy to phase out overnight, opposite-sex visitation rights for freshmen and sophomores beginning in the fall of 1990 continues to draw student opposition at the University of South Carolina.

The Board of Trustees approved the proposal on April 13. The new policy is supported by a majority of the board members and parents of university students.

USC's current policy allows visitation from noon until 11:30 p.m. Sunday to Thursday and open vis-

itation on weekends. The new policy came about as a result of a compromise between the Ecology Committee, made up of faculty and students, and the Board of Trustees.

By comparison, UNC's visitation hours are from 9 a.m. until 1 a.m. Sunday to Thursday and from 9 a.m. until 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, said Wayne Kuncel, director of housing at UNC.

"No one has raised the issue (of allowing overnight visitation) ... since I've been here beginning in 1983," Kuncel said.

An overwhelming majority of the USC student body is opposed to the policy, said John Leary, student body vice president. Members of the Ecology Committee were also unhappy about the compromise with the Board of Trustees.

"Mike Fair, a state representative, serves on the Board of Trustees and originally made a proposal to ban all overnight, opposite-sex visitation," Leary said. "The Ecology Committee proposed the creation of two dorms with no overnight visitation."

The creation of two dormitories

with no overnight visitation should please everyone, said Leary, because students whose parents didn't want them to have overnight visitation could live there.

The board reached a compromise with the Ecology Committee Thursday, he said.

"The compromise says that beginning next year there will be two dorms with no overnight visitation," Leary said. "Starting in 1990, there will be no freshman visitation. In 1991, visitation will be eliminated for sophomores."

The entire process will be re-evaluated at the end of the spring 1992 term. Administration at USC backed the student government on the issue because they believed the policy would be hard to enforce, said Leary.

Housing administration officials refused comment on the policy.

Some local students are pleased with the UNC policy for visitation and see no need for change.

"I think it's a great policy, and I really think it works. I don't think it would be a good idea for overnight visitation," said Jayme Nance, a

freshman from Winston-Salem and a resident of Cobb.

Other students would not mind overnight visitation.

"It doesn't really bother me if guys are staying over here late," said Elizabeth Freeman, a freshman from Raleigh and also a Cobb resident.

Everyone should have freedom of choice concerning visitation, said Chris Sasser, a freshman from Raleigh and a resident of Old East. "If you wish to have visitors all night, it should be no problem as long as you and your guests are no bother to others."

## Bomb may yield clues to Lockerbie tragedy

From Associated Press reports

BONN, West Germany — Investigators have found a third bomb in their probe of two jailed Palestinians, and the government said Wednesday the case may be linked to the December bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

The government's Today in Parliament news service said the latest bomb was hidden in a television set.

Police found it in the same apartment in the Duesseldorf suburb of Neuss where two other explosive devices, hidden in radios, were seized last week.

One booby-trapped radio exploded Monday when experts tried to disarm it at federal police headquarters in Wiesbaden, killing 35-year-old Hans-Juergen Sonntag and wounding a 29-year-old colleague.

In a follow-up search of the apartment last Thursday, investigators found the third bomb, said Alexander Prechtel, spokesman for the federal prosecutor's office in Karlsruhe.

British investigators looking into the Pan Am crash have said the plane was blown out of the sky by plastic explosives hidden in a radio.

The two imprisoned Palestinians Hafez Kasseem Dalkamoni and Abdul Fattah Ghandanfar are suspected of forming terrorist cells in West Germany, illegal possession of weapons and two bomb attacks on U.S. military trains, Prechtel said. The train attacks in August 1987 and April 1988

caused no injuries.

Prechtel confirmed details of the parliamentary report, but said again no solid evidence has emerged to link the Palestinian case with the Dec. 21 Pan Am disaster over Lockerbie, Scotland, which killed 270 people.

The news service informs federal officials of matters discussed in parliamentary committees. Wednesday's report was based on information brought to the body's internal affairs committee. No sources were cited.

"There is a possible connection between the bomb found (Thursday) and the crash of the jet over the Scottish city of Lockerbie on Dec. 21," it stated.

No one answered the telephone at the parliament information office Wednesday night.

An employee of the federal police force said no one was available to answer questions about the latest find.

Prechtel disputed the suggestion in the parliamentary news service report that the probe of two Palestinians, suspected of being agents of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, turned up indications the two were involved with the Lockerbie accident.

"I know about that being said, but that is nothing but speculation," he said. "They can't say it's not connected, so they speculate that it is. But we have no evidence that it is connected to Lockerbie; only the theoretical possibility exists."

## North defense closes on emotional note

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Oliver North's lawyer, in an emotional final argument Wednesday, portrayed the former White House aide as a sacrificial lamb, a scapegoat and a hostage and implored jurors in his trial to "set him free."

"Oliver North never wanted to be a hero," said Brendan Sullivan. "He just wants to go home."

But prosecutor John Kecker, having the last word, asked the jury to "return a verdict of guilty in each and every one of the 12 charges."

With that, the nine women and three men who will decide North's fate were sent home. They will return Thursday to begin their deliberations after instructions from U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell. During deliberation, the jury will be sequestered for the first time since the Iran-Contra trial began.

In his hour-long rebuttal, Kecker said it had been an "unhappy, unpleasant, miserable criminal trial" and dismissed Sullivan's closing argument with a Shakespearean touch: "It was all sound and fury,

signifying nothing."

"You have heard a lot about courage at this trial," Kecker said. "There's another kind of courage: courage to admit when you are wrong, courage to admit personal responsibility, courage to admit guilt where appropriate. He (North) has not admitted any of those things; it's time for you to do it for him."

It was the end of two tough days for North, a former Marine lieutenant colonel whose power while he was at the National Security Council was substantial. His face paled and he busied himself with writing while Kecker denounced him; he looked at the jury while Sullivan pleaded for him.

"The government has not shown criminal behavior," Sullivan said. "The man who held the lives of others in his hands now puts his life into yours." The reference was to North's protecting of names of people with whom he dealt by shredding or altering documents, which Sullivan saw as "a reasonable thing to do."

Kecker had another explanation: "He was destroying documents delib-

erately so they wouldn't find what he didn't want them to find."

After the arguments, North's mood brightened and he joined his wife, who was speaking with a minister in the front row of spectators.

Sullivan, choked with emotion throughout much of his three-hour closing argument, mentioned President Reagan's telephone call on the

day North was fired, a call in which the president called North "a national hero," and also a postcard North got from then-Vice President Bush thanking him for his work.

"All these people who went to Ollie North for help, where are they now?" Sullivan asked.

"I ask you, on the evidence, to set him free," Sullivan said.

## Testing

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recommendation to the manager or draft a testing policy.

The committee will discuss if a broader spectrum of employees should be tested, she said. "Implementing the program will require testing only a small segment of our work force. Do we have any need to expand beyond that?"

The committee will also look at safety and personal questions, Harris said.

"Is testing an invasion of privacy? Should we test our applicants? Our employees? How are we going to do it? As a final contingency job offer step? Or at the beginning? If they don't pass, do we ban them from employment forever? Do we tell them why they weren't hired?"

"There are a host of issues to look at and how to look at what the legislation requires."

The committee will also look at court cases to answer many of these questions because these are issues that frequently show up in courts, she said. "One thing not advised in the courts is random testing."

The committee will continue to meet as long as issues are relevant and useful like other committees the town forms to solicit employee help, Harris said.

"This is an area of particular

interest nationally right now. There is disproportionate interest in this."

The town also has smoking committees and wellness programs to deal with many similar issues, Harris said. "There are all areas of risk (in hiring)."

Bob Dominick, Raleigh personnel director, said that the Raleigh bus system was responsible for its own employees and that little would change in the testing process for law enforcement officers.

All applicants who apply for jobs under the Public Health and Safety category, such as police officers, are screened for drug use by Drug Action of Wake County, he said. This program was implemented on the initiative of the city.

Raleigh's program is thorough, and any changes in the testing process resulting from the mandate would probably be minor, he said. "It (the mandate) will probably require less."

Employees are also tested on reasonable suspicion, but they do not random test. "Do not and will not," Dominick said.

Job applicants in Raleigh are tested for drugs more than any other city, he said. "Probably more than most cities in North Carolina and probably in the country."

## Condoms

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choice given the diversity of students who use it, such as graduate students and off-campus and on-campus students. It is the center of student life."

Matt Lotspiech (Dist. 15) said it was important that the machines be accessible to students on the 10th floor of high-rise residence halls, such as Morrison, as well as those on the lower floors.

"If we pass this and it only states that they will be distributed on the first floor, I feel it is lacking," Lotspiech said.

Davis said that one company

would install and maintain the machines, and that proceeds would go back to the University. The proceeds may be given to Student Health Service to help it provide more information about AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, he said.

The spread of AIDS is an important reason why the condoms should be made available to students, Davis said.

"Considering AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, it is absolutely necessary to have the condom vending machines in residence halls."

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