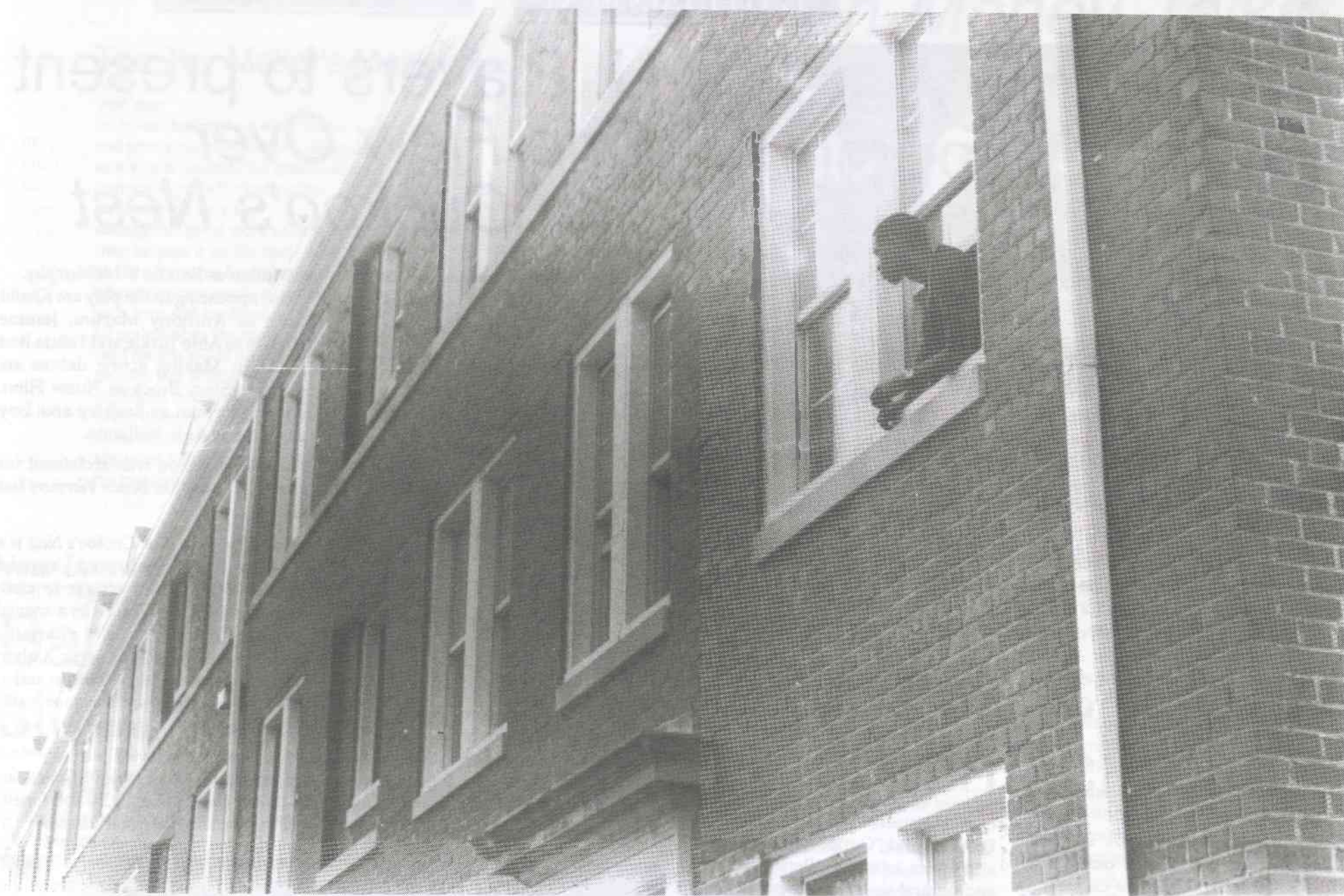


## Watchin' the world go by



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Sophomore Chad Cordon, a resident of Butler Dorm, watches people walk by on a recent autumn afternoon. Dorm windows above the yard provide a "bird's eye view" of events below, and window sills are convenient places to rest one's arms and meditate on the state of the world.

# Dorms to offer more security; special cards will replace keys

by Dwayne Pope

No longer will students have the tedious task of fumbling with old fashioned door keys when entering their dorm rooms at night.

Soon after Homecoming, the University will complete the first phase of its new key card security system, according to Dr. Victor Bibbins, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs. Key cards, resembling the cards used by most hotels, will be issued to all dormitory residents, excluding those in complex housing, said Bibbins. The cards will electronically open the front doors of the resident's assigned dormitory.

The system will be controlled and operated from a computer terminal and modem located in the H.L. Trigg building.

The dormitory doors will be locked by a magnetized current which is broken when a resident enters a key card.

"We're trying to create a home away from home," said Bibbins. The new system will enhance students' feelings of security, he added.

The dormitories will also contain three shifts of personnel monitoring the hallways and a telephone service for visitors and emergencies. Also, alarms will be installed on all fire escape doors.

The \$60,000 system was planned by a task force headed by Dr. Deborah Fontaine, Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, and consisting of students, faculty and staff. The system is patterned after the system used at N.C. A & T University in Greensboro. Winston-Salem State University also uses a similar plan.

The system is a prerequisite for the tentatively approved plan for coed visitation, said Bibbins. The plan will be implemented after completion of the security system.

This is only the first phase of ECSU's

renovation. Eventually, residents' identification cards will be their key to the world. The cards will open doors to dormitory rooms and closets.

ECSU's residents have mixed opinions concerning the new system. Tashadda Eason, a junior resident of the New Dormitory, said, "I believe the new system will create a much safer environment for students."

Not all students feel the same as Eason. Melvin Holloman, a sophomore resident of Butler Hall, said he was unhappy with the new changes.

"Twenty-four hour locked doors and patrols are a bit much," said Holloman. "After all we are grown men."

Bibbins pointed out that residents will not have to pay extra for the security features or the new key cards, but will be financed from a special account for student life.

"Students will be pleased with the enhanced security," he said.

## POETRY

### What Lies Within

What thoughts are inside my head?  
Those things left unsaid.  
What runs constantly through my mind?  
Those thoughts created and always left behind.  
What endless caverns are laden with sin?  
Only I know what lies within.  
What makes it wrong? What makes it right?  
What makes one dream in the middle of the night?  
What causes pleasures? What causes pain?  
When all is lost, what does remain?  
A thoughtless void for which no one can come in.  
Because only I know what lies within.  
To bring those thoughts out is a simple task.  
All one must do is simply ask.  
To find the piece to this jigsaw puzzle.  
All you must do is come and nuzzle.  
Then ask quite simply, "What lies within?"  
And I'll say, "Love" (with an enormous grin).

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