

Student discontent has better reasons than 'ingratitude'

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for members of the opposite sex to be in a room after 11 p.m. on weekdays and 1 a.m. on weekends" denies one of the basic goals of a college education. There are many reasons to extend visitation hours, the least of which is "flagrant fornication." One of the best reasons to extend hours is the lack of co-ed study areas available on a 24-hour basis. By extending visitation hours, students will be able to study with each other and contribute to each other's education. To argue that there is nothing else that two people of the opposite sex can do in a room by themselves is also ridiculous. Believe it or not, some of us just enjoy talking or watching movies.

I was also baffled by the mention of "flagrant fornication." First, there isn't anything that can be done after 11 p.m. that can't be done before 11 p.m., hence students will continue to have sex regardless of visitation hours. Secondly, what is meant by flagrant? To the best of my knowledge, flagrant means conspicuous or open. I have not heard of students having sex in the lobbies or in the halls or in any other open place, and even so, altering visitation hours would not stop it. Third, it is quite simply no one else's business, except my partner's, what I do behind the closed door of my room in regard to sexual activity. Finally, while I appreciate her concern for my soul, I find the high mindedness of her entire response demeaning and disgusting. Michele should realize that not all of us are as perfect as she thinks she is.

It is important to note that the manner in which the issue of visitation is handled will have a great impact on the future ability of the SGA to motivate students to seek change. The SGA has done a great amount of work researching the issue and has already submitted its proposal to Student Life. Since this is the first time such a significant policy change has been requested, to turn it down might possibly mean the end of student involvement on this campus.

To say "no" to the requested

changes would be to say, "We don't care what you have to say." Student Life must realize that this is the model on which all future attempts to reform this college will be based. Those involved in these changes have worked hard to make certain that they have gone through the proper channels.

Let us hope that these channels do not let them down.

Real freedom rests in Christ

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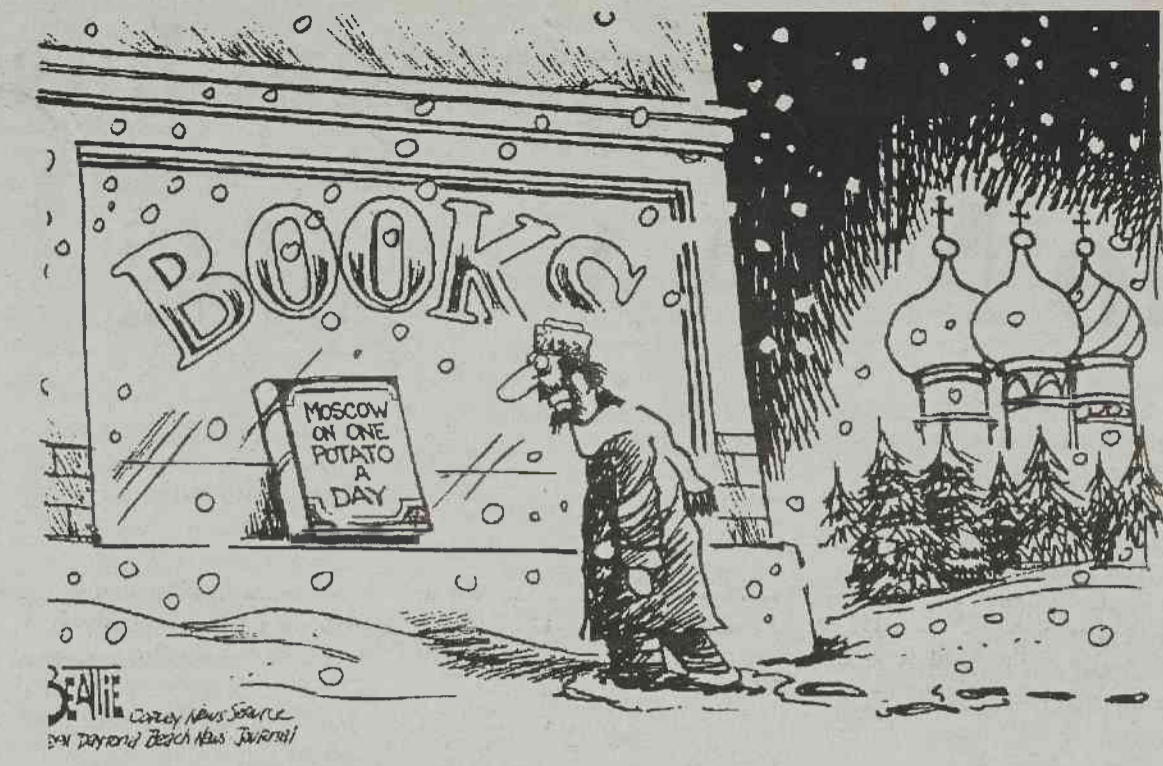
is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6).

The book of Romans spells out clearly what it means to be free from the rule of sin, from the mastery of self, from the designs of evil.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." (Rom. 8).

Freedom can only be enjoyed as we choose *life*, not *death*. "That you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey his voice, that you may cleave to him, for *he is your life*." (Deut. 30). Freedom



means becoming a servant of God, submitting to his plan and purpose in our lives with a spirit of continual gratitude and humility.

This is not understood by the natural mind. The natural man cannot receive the things of God, and cannot know anything about

this freedom. The freedom I have just explained is considered by the natural man to be foolishness. Only those whose minds have been freed by God can truly understand freedom. When Christ really opens a person's eyes, that person then has the mind of Christ and can judge all things. Only

then can a person have any concept of freedom. Only then can a person correctly judge what is happening around him (I Cor. 2).

Get a clue. Get a real life. Ask God to open your eyes, your ears, your heart so that you can be truly free.

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Life is much more pleasant when savored at an easy pace

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Raking the leaves? Reorganizing our spice cabinets?

In the research for my dissertation, my first project was to find out what I could about the history of the essay — that informal reveries such as you are reading now. I allocated two months for this part of my research, and two months seemed like an eternity because I was sick of being a graduate student and wanted to get on with my real life.

Immediately I became aware that because no one had written much about the informal essay, I was going to have to start with Montaigne and read my way through 300 years of essays and write my own history.

I read and I read and I read.

Many of these writers complained about how much they had to do which they really didn't think was important and how little time they had for what was important to them. Some had to work in a bank when they'd rather garden. Some were politicians when

they'd rather build better mouse-traps. Some were mothers who would rather be politicians. And they all wanted more time for themselves.

Slowly I relaxed. I remember the day I told my dissertation director that I needed a year to finish the first research step. She smiled and said, "Ah, you've discovered the wonders of taking your time."

A couple of years later when I was trying to finish the last chapter, she advised me to go hiking in the mountains for a few days

and just think. When I tell my students to spend time thinking, they look at me with despair, and I remember the trouble I had learning to tell the difference between procrastinating and allowing the brain to spin its web of connections.

Believe me, I plan to read those books I bought, but I'll give myself some deck time to think about them and talk to friends about them as well. After all, the deck is a modernization of the porch, and what were porches for, anyway?

Chemistry Week celebrated

North Carolina Wesleyan College's Science and Math Departments this week celebrated National Chemistry Week with shows on Monday and Wednesday.

Treating the celebration as more Science Awareness Week, the departments' shows included fun-filled presentations, demonstrations, and magic tricks cover-

ing topics in chemistry, physics, biology, and mathematics.

Monday's presentation on the Hardee's Student Union patio included interesting demonstrations in chemistry, physics, and biology.

Wednesday's presentation in Room 105, Gravely, added "hands on" experiences in the biology labs.