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Students Can Get Help From Man At The Top

There is still hope that senior women here may be freed from closing hours.

That hope emerged as the main point of a meeting Monday between the Women's Residence Council, which proposed the idea, and the Administration, which vetoed it.

Further, that hope was jelled into a student-faculty-administration board to be set up later this week to study how Carolina might best implement a system whereby senior women, and those older than 21, could decide for themselves when to call it a night.

The board is to study different proposals—such as night watchmen, magnetic card key systems and so on—that would allow for dorm security without making it mandatory that all girls be safely locked in their residence halls by a specific closing hour.

And this is progress.

IT IS ESPECIALLY progress when one considers that not a single faculty or administrative voice rose in the meeting to speak out against the principle that seniors should be allowed greater latitude than they have now.

Their silence from dissent, and their positive action toward setting up the advisory board, constitutes a concrete example of what Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson said during his orientation speech:

"There are many traditions around Carolina," he said then. "The greatest of these is the tradition that no tradition is to be held sacred."

Chancellor Sitterson's meeting with the WRC and agreeing with them in the spirit, even if not in the mechanics, of the no-closing hours policy, shows without a doubt that the Chancellor meant what he said, that he is firmly devoted to the principle that times change, and that institutions must change to keep in step with them.

THE UNFORTUNATE thing, however, is that because of the way in which the University's administrative bureaucracy is set up, the Chancellor and his forward looking ideas often seem too isolated from the actual running of this University to be of that much good.

For example, the WRC proposal was made at a meeting Jan. 9. It was not until last week, however, that the administrative veto of it—from the hand of Chancellor Sitterson—came back to the Council.

Meanwhile, the proposal had been slowly winding its way through the offices of the various lesser administrators, over the tables of advisory committees and only then into the Chancellor's hands.

During this entire process there arose what Sharon Rose, chairman of the WRC, referred to as a "terrible block in communications between South Building and the WRC."

THIS BLOCK existed not so much between simply South Building and WRC, but more specifically between the Chancellor and the Council. Why? Because this block was constituted of some of the lower echelons of South Building, the narrow channels through which any measure must pass before coming to the attention of Chancellor Sitterson.

And in the case of the WRC pro-

posal, those channels were so narrow that they did not permit for any interchange between Chancellor Sitterson—the man with whom the authority to decide rests—and the students, represented in this instance by the WRC.

As soon as there was a direct link established between the two, however, the situation was worked out much more favorably to the students.

Obviously, what needs to be done if the various agencies of Student Government—all the way from the president's office to the WRC—are going to be able to effectively deal with the Administration in a manner that will benefit the students, the target of dealings with South Building is going to have to be reassessed.

In other words, students are going to have to start going more often to the man at the top—Chancellor Sitterson—if anything's going to get done around here.

Apparently, that's the only way to get things done.

The Perils Of Being A Radical

What a shame it was about Ramsey Clark's not showing up Monday.

It wasn't so bad that the law students didn't get to hear him speak: after all, one of the things they must learn is that the wheels of justice—especially big ones such as Clark—grind not only slowly, but also unpredictably.

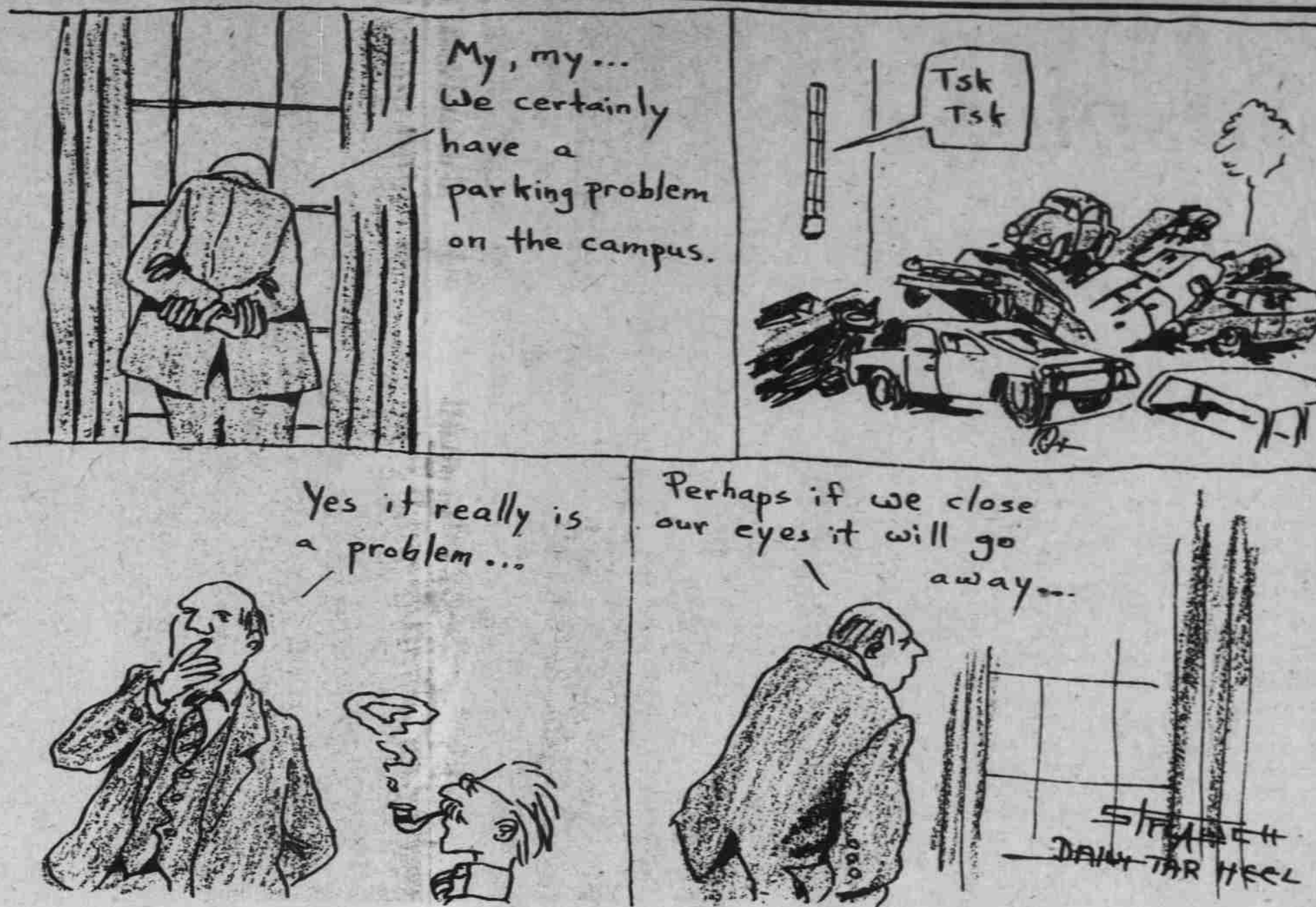
The real crisis, however, arose when all those protestors from the Students for a Democratic Society and the Southern Student Organizing Committee found themselves all dressed up with no place to picket.

The tragedy lies in the fact that SDS, SSOC and other similar bastions of the New Left are known for their organizational poverty, and simply can't afford to waste money on picket signs they don't get a chance to use.

It rather makes one wonder: could Clark's cancelling his speech be an underhanded move by the Johnson Administration to stem anti-war protest by making it too costly financially, by forcing the radical Left to waste its paint-and-cardboard ammunition on targets that don't show up?

Or, possibly, it could be aimed at simply having the protestors laughed out of the picture, since there is little that looks sillier than a group of would-be-pickers standing in Y Court to picket nobody.

Ah well, that's simply one of the perils of opposing a government that is so un-dependable that it won't even show up on time to be opposed.



Letters To The Editor

Inequality Is Coeds' Plight

To The Editor:

On August 26, 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment was added to the United States' Constitution giving women the right to vote. Women already had equal protection of the laws. In *Brown et al. v. Board of Education*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954), Mr. Chief Justice Warren in a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision concluded "that in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place." We, as women students, are very dissatisfied with the discriminatory conditions we find on this campus.

The denial of no closing hours to senior women is one symbol to us of the overwhelming double standard existing on campus. The men on this campus are required to live in dormitories during their freshman year. However, at no time in their college career is their private life regimented. Single undergraduate women must live in dormitories for three years. During this time of required residence we are compelled to:

ATTEND all house meetings.

ATTEND all hall meetings.

TAKE phone duty.

MAKE our beds by 10:00 A.M.,

HAVE room inspection, receiving call downs for failing to meet the house mother's standards.

SIGNOUT when leaving for overnights, getting authorization from the dormitory Administration, and sign in upon our return.

WEAR "proper attire" in classes, eating facilities, and the library.

HAVE parental permission for almost all activities off campus

AND attend all fire drills.

In fractions of these regulations incur the wrath of our overlords. We are tried by House Council or in certain cases by the Women's Honor Council, and we suffer such punitive measures as the "almighty" campusment which entitles us to be in the living area of our dormitories by 8:00 P.M. and remain there until 5:00 A.M. the following morning.

The Administration has stated time and again that one of its prime objectives is the safety and security of the women students; therefore, protective rules and regulations have been imposed. A woman student was murdered on campus in broad daylight. Exhibitionists have been seen on many occasions during the day, and prowlers break into women's residence halls after closing hours. Women students are no safer locked in their dorms than they are anywhere else on campus.

The Administration has no money to pay night watchmen. It is much easier to oblige women students to be in their

respective dorms by a prescribed hour, and pray. At least no one prowler has been able to get into all of the dormitories in one night. Would it not be more advantageous to all of those concerned if all doors to the women's dormitories were locked all of the time, and each coed had a key?

We are women students. We will have to abide by the University rules, because if we break them, unless we do it "en masse", we will be suspended, and we do want an education.

What field is left open to us? The only thing we can do is talk, discuss our grievances with the Administration, and if the Administration refuses to listen. . . .

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'UNC'll Choke?

To The Editor:

Being an alumnus of UNC who is now in school in Kentucky, I think the Carolina students will be interested in knowing how the people out here view the Tar Heels' record in basketball thus far. Basically, they feel that it is due to pure, unadulterated luck. According to them, Carolina's chances for winning the ACC tournament are nil. They will fall to either South Carolina or Duke and thus not even make it to the Eastern Regional. For a group of fans whose "home team" has been beaten by the Heels for two years in a row, these Kentuckians really have short memories. As for the University of Kentucky's little fiasco in Greensboro back in December—well, brother, that was before their heralded sophomores came of age. Now Kentucky has the "most improved team in the country" and will go on to win the NCAA crown! You didn't know that, did you? In the words of one avid UK fan: "There's not a team in the country that would dare run with Kentucky—including UCLA and Houston." If the team's legs can run half as fast as these people's tongues, he just may be right.

And what about Carolina? Well, if they do manage to win the ACC tournament and the Eastern Regional, Kentucky will be waiting for its sweet revenge. Besides, Carolina showed last year what it can do under pressure—CHOKED.

Naturally, I don't believe any of this for one minute, nor do the few other Carolina fans out here. But the people of Kentucky need a little convincing. In the meantime, I remain a fugitive in a strange and hostile land.

J. C. Murray, Jr.
Louisville, Kentucky
Class of '67.

Robin Brewer

Behind Closed Doors With Dean And J. C.

"Morning, Dean,"

— Morning, J.C. Well, looks like we made another boo-boo.

"Oh, I wouldn't worry too much. Besides, it's that time of year again."

—How's that?

"You know. Publicity, headlines, the whole bit. I think we'll make Time with this one."

—Gee, swell. Say, by the way, what's the story on that demonstration they're planning? I hear big stuff is in the making.

"The usual. Miscarriage of justice, suppression of individual responsibility, you can guess."

— Tch. You'd think they'd learn.

"Still, I think we should take some counter-measures. Never can be too safe you know."

—I've had the PR men working on it overnight, and they've got some ideas.

—Well?

— They suggest a diversionary tactic. See, what we do is shoot for increasing pride in the University, and drain off some of that energy.

—How?

—Simple. We erect a statue of you outside the building and encourage loyalty.

—Loyalty?

— Yeah. You punch its navel and it sings the alma mater. It can't fail.

—Not bad. Only one drawback though.

—What's that?

—The workmen are striking."

—What for?

—Pay."

—An increase?

—No. Pay."

— Well, it was just an idea.

—Keep working on it. What else your

Carolina Choir Paid Tribute

To The Editor:

A very special thanks is due Dr. Lara Hoggard, the Carolina Choir and duopians, Woody Durham and Nancy Norwood for a most enjoyable program of music presented in Hill Hall last Tuesday evening.

Such a professional performance is the result of hours of rehearsal and sincere dedication of both the director and members of the choir.

The University can be proud of this group.

Mrs. Fred E. Wise Jr.
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The Solutions

To The Editor:

We have heard about the trouble in Vietnam, about the Communists and all. Some of us have been talking, and we came up with the idea that Ho Chi Minh and other outsiders are what is wrong. So why don't they get rid of them, which would be a heuristic, visceral solution.

Also, why don't the Arabs and the Israelites settle up in a Christian way?

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South Campus 'Ghetto' Can Be A Lonely Place

By RICK GRAY

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Fifteen minutes walk from the heart of campus is a ghetto.

Not a ghetto inhabited by Puerto Ricans, Cuban refugees or Negroes, but a ghetto inhabited by 3,500 male students of this University.

They don't live in tumble-down shacks with leaky roofs, they live in new, sparkling, sterile brick towers of the most modern design.

The towers of South Campus are designed by the most knowledgeable architects in the state. Their interiors are designed for the maximum in comfort and the maximum in compatibility.

There's nothing wrong with the buildings or the people in them. They're just too far from the heart of Carolina, and the people who inhabit the towers of brick miss out on the majority of what life at Carolina really is.

They live in a ghetto, segregated from the rest of the University by sex and

geography. The geographical isolation can be born. There is always someone on the floor with a car that's headed for campus, and if seven in the morning isn't too early, an eight o'clock class can be reached on time. Besides the walking is good exercise.

What really hurts is the fact that a whole weekend can be spent on South Campus without once seeing a girl. The nearest girls are in Nurses' dorm, and that's still quite a walk from James, if you are lucky enough to know someone who lives there.

The administration is saying that the new girls' dorm that is scheduled for completion in 1970 (last year it was 1969) will do away with the problem. But even if the new high-riser was going to be entirely occupied by girls, it will not be enough. Since when did 800 girls provide enough dates for 3,500 boys?

Sure there's going to be an additional 200 girls in Parker next fall. That makes 200 girls for the approximately 400 boys

in Teague and Avery.

But to top the whole problem off, there is much talk that the new girls dorm will be a coed structure similar to Granville Towers. That will mean that the boys in the new dorm will have a great advantage over the 3,500 other date starved students living south of Kenan Stadium.

And yet another problem, where are all the girls to fill the new dorm coming from? Only about 300 coeds will be admitted to Carolina next fall, a reduction by 100 in a number that is already too small by about 1,000 girls.

There is more to college and Carolina than the grades. Most of the student here come to this University because it promised a great social life to relieve the pressures created by the academic rigors. The students who live on South Campus miss half of what life at Carolina is all about.

The residence college program is doing a lot to rectify the situation, but it

is moving too slowly. It is going to be a big issue in this spring's presidential campaign, and many grand proposals are going to be made.

BUT. . .

The Administration is the final power in any adjustment of the situation in the Southern Part of the Southern Part of Heaven. It will be the administration that will have the final say on whether South Campus is going to continue to be Carolina's ghetto.

The design of South Campus and its buildings is such that great things could be done to make the place more livable. There is much land available for development, and if this land could be used to expand and upgrade the living conditions of all of the students on campus Carolina can become the first school to have a truly effective residence college system.

The only ingredients needed are a little foresight and a lot of women.