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Elections - Coeds' Bargaining Time

After the administration vetoed, then tabled, the no closing hours proposal, women have been vacillating between feeling that there is nothing to be done and feeling that they're ready to do anything, but they're not sure what.

The character of the movement has changed from an internal one - within the coeds themselves - to an external one that will be carried on, in large part, across conference tables with administrators on the other side.

It's time to regroup forces, and tap resources left untouched by the women the last time around.

One of these untapped resources is the male leadership-types who will begin running from dorm to dorm shortly, asking 2500 women to vote for them.

Minority groups are always in their best bargaining position before spring elections - a few embarrassing questions

asked by the women at each dorm meeting can get each political hopeful committed to working for the women next year.

Many of even the most liberal women shudder at the thought of male interference, fearing that women will start deferring to men and allowing male-initiated ideas which the coeds don't support to filter up to the administration. This, they feel, would destroy the sanctity of the "movement."

It's time the women start taking any help they can get.

If women leaders are so unsure of their status as leaders that they feel the men could so easily usurp them, perhaps this is the best indication of the need for complimentary leadership.

Women must begin to attack the discrimination against their sex that exists on this campus "by whatever means

necessary." One of the most obvious means is to get the people who are experienced in dealing with the administration, and who are experienced organizers, to lend their talents to the task of getting a no closing hours proposal accepted by the administration.

Campus politicians have always been able to dodge making a commitment on any area as controversial as women's rules.

The answer to any question about women's rules is the traditional, "Well, I'm for anything the women want - if they're for liberalizing rules, I'm for that."

Candidates can be made to answer, however, if the questioners are persistent enough, and the women should question every candidate for any office coming to the dorms, and then makes each can-

didate's response one of the major factors in determining the women's vote.

Even if campaign commitments tend to crumble after the election, being forced to discuss the topic will at least insure that whoever is elected to any office has been forced to do enough home work on women's rules to know something about them.

Then, when the campus officer is called upon for help, he will be knowledgeable to be of some help.

The tactics to be used could be called badgering, but this is what is necessary to overcome the candidate's traditional reluctance to get involved in anything controversial, with the candidate's strong desire to get elected.

Carolina's regulations for women have been socially segregating women from men. The women cannot progress much farther with a segregated movement.

Has Rocky Copped Out? No, He's Gotten Realistic

Nelson Rockefeller finished one thing for sure Thursday by announcing he will not actively oppose former vice president Richard Nixon for the Republican Presidential nomination.

That one thing: that both Rockefeller and the GOP will be alive and well at convention in Miami Beach this summer.

If the New York Governor has opted to campaign for the nomination, there would most likely have been an irresistible force—immoveable object collision between him and the conservative leadership of the party.

This crash would have left both the moderate and the conservative wings of the GOP so bloody from their intermural infighting that certain undesirable results would have occurred.

First, Rockefeller would probably lose not only the nomination but also his standing as a popular "potential candidate" if he butted heads with Nixon in the state primaries. The former Vice president has too many big people in the

party lined up behind him for Rockefeller to try to catch up to him before the convention.

SECOND, EVEN a nearly nominated Rocky would not be as powerful a convention force as he will now be as the leader of the party's moderate wing, the leader who by the way—conservatives will be reminded for sure—was so overwhelmed by party loyalty that he declined to risk a split in the GOP to advance his own candidacy for the nomination, and instead bowed to the wishes of the party's conservative leadership.

This way, Rockefeller is guaranteed a far greater voice in framing the party's platform—a voice that may be able to shape a moderate enough platform so that even Nixon will look good running on it.

Further, it is important to note that Rockefeller did not make any statement Thursday about his not wanting to be President of the United States as he had during the 1964 pre-convention months. He even explained that the reason he had said it then so William Scranton, the Republican Governor of Pennsylvania who Rockefeller was supporting, would actively seek the GOP nod.

But such disavowals were missing Thursday at the New York Hilton conference. Rockefeller's affidavit of non-candidacy—being sent to remove his name from the Oregon primary ballot—even admitted candidly that the New York Governor would accept a draft.

NOW WHETHER it is feasible to expect a draft movement to be successful at the Miami Beach convention is difficult to say. Assuredly there is a chance of it, or as smart a politician as Governor Rockefeller would not have mentioned the possibility.

He is going into the convention, at weakest, as the favorite son of New York State's delegation—which by far will not be the least powerful contingent there.

Also, there is still a long convention and there are many things the Republican party will have to consider in that time.

Not the least of them is the fact that Richard Nixon—as much of a darling as he may be to the conservatives of the party—has not only an extremely bad track record as a candidate, losing badly in his last two election attempts, but is also lagging behind non-candidate Rockefeller in popularity polls.

Although Republican strategists have not always been known for their adroitness in picking winners—witness Barry Goldwater and Nixon himself—they may come to realize by convention time that Rockefeller alone is the candidate who has a chance of defeating either Lyndon Johnson, Eugene McCarthy or Robert F. Kennedy.

But who knows? American electoral politics generally works in even stranger ways than God Himself, and there's no telling what could happen between now and the convention.

Perhaps Nixon will even shape up enough as a candidate to provide a viable alternative to the Democratic nominee—especially if enough pressure can be put on him by the moderates of the party.

In any case, no one can call Rockefeller's decision a cop-out. Instead, it appears as a valid piece of political strategy which—in the contest of American Politics 1968—just might work.

McCarthy Gives Youth New Role

While Sen. Eugene McCarthy in the New Hampshire primary gave voice to those who either are for de-escalating in Vietnam or pulling out altogether, he may have performed another important job.

He may have pointed out a way for restoring to the youth of the nation the feeling that there is a role they can play that has significance, that it is possible to make their hopes and aspirations heard in the land.

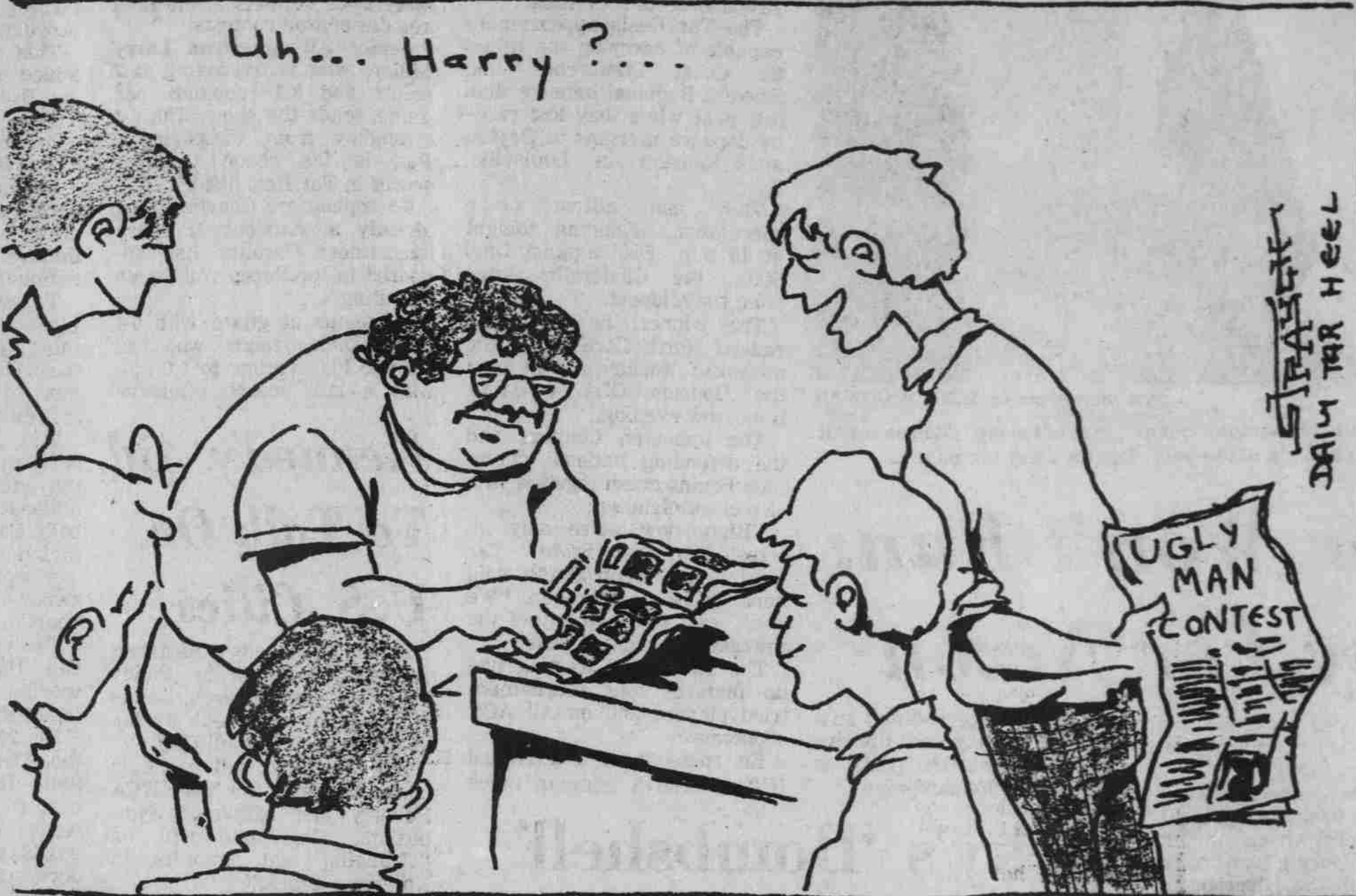
Young people want to feel challenged, to know that they have a voice in our national life.

To achieve these ends some of them take the path of devotion to careers, perhaps with an eye to the comfort of themselves and their families. Others, more selflessly motivated, go into the Peace Corps and other service areas. Still others, with no worthwhile goals that appeal to them or from lack of know-how and confidence, withdraw to private utopias with assists from drugs and mysticism.

The generation gap, which has seemed impossible to bridge, became bridgeable in New Hampshire, where students played a significant role in McCarthy's success.

Students from far and near poured into New Hampshire, organized door-to-door canvassing, manned headquarters, stuffed envelopes, youthful energies can accomplish. The election campaign will provide a way for more youths to enter the mainstream of American political life, under whatever banner they choose, and help alleviate the sense of frustration and helplessness that besets them.

And that will be a good thing.



Letters To The Editor

Dow Demonstration - Two Views

No. 1

To The Editor:

As an interested bystander I would like to know what is being accomplished by picketing Dow Chemical Company.

Surely the students who are doing so do not think it is a solution to the Vietnam War. I fail to see any reason why Dow should be persecuted for manufacturing napalm used in the war.

If this is the reason for protest, why not protest every person in the US who pays taxes. The taxes paid by American citizens support the evils of war in Vietnam much more than Dow's napalm gas. I have heard of the horrible suffering that napalm causes and I am against it one hundred per cent, but taking this out on the manufacturer is ridiculous. We are in a war, and war causes suffering inevitably. If napalm was not used, something every bit as cruel would be. Therefore, I do not see why the students against the war do not put their time, money, and enthusiasm into protesting the war - not Dow Chemical Co.

J. L. Stevenson

No. 2

Do The Editor:

The fifteen students and others who were arrested on Monday while protesting Dow recruiting are scheduled to appear for trial before Chapel Hill Recorder's Court at 9:00 A.M. next Tuesday morning.

It seems clear to me that this is essentially an intramural matter, and that it should have been treated as such from the beginning. Ten of the fifteen were University people, and the other five were "university types" of one kind or another. They were arrested on the University campus, by the University police, upon order of a University dean, while protesting a University policy. It is unfortunate that the matter was allowed to get into outside hands at all.

Even though it is now in the hands of outsiders, however, the University community need not, and should not, wash its hands of the affair. Without presuming to bring pressure of any sort upon the court, the following actions would certainly be appropriate:

First, any faculty member who knows an individual accused could submit an affidavit, or simply a letter, testifying to the good character of the individual in question. These could be sent to the defense counsel, Barry Winston, University Square.

Second, at least one high-ranking member of the University administration

should be present at the trial and should speak, if permitted, on behalf of the defendants, recommending mercy for them if they are found guilty. This is especially important because of the serious effects a thirty-day jail sentence would have on a semester's work. Faculty members and students could write to the president and the chancellor, requesting them to be present or to send representatives.

Third, an expression of sympathy and solidarity by the student body and the faculty should be made to make it clear to everyone that, whether the demonstrators are guilty or not, their offense in no way puts them outside the University community. For the purposes of expressing this sympathy and solidarity I invite you, Mr. Editor, and all other University men and women of good will, to join me in a silent vigil around the Old Well during the hours of the trial.

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Trash Goes - Where?

To The Editor:

Seek and ye shall find. It certainly will not be a trash can. Not on this campus.

This is not a startling revelation to the student who carries crumpled papers across campus seeking a container.

He sees a box in the distance and eternal hope springs up. As he get nearer he reads "U.S. Mail."

He continues on, grumping and finally casts it down.

No, he has not committed an Honor Council offense. In fact he has aided the University in its belief that it is better to hire people to pick up the litter than to have trash cans available.

Thus enters a classic character of "The Southern Part of Heaven" - the safari-batted, spear carrying hunters who will probably never be replaced by mechanization.

This is not to indicate that there are not a number of trash receptacles on campus. There is a fairly strong rumor that there are at least four. The positions are strategic. To avoid a rush their positions will not be revealed.

The scarcity of trash cans has led to highly developed techniques of littering. There are the flagrant bugs who throws away articles with much ado. There are

the "Who gives a heck?", who casually drops the empty coke cup. And of course the "I can't find a trash can" type who "accidentally" drops the candy wrapper.

Also there is the sardistic type who always leaves the litter on steps.

Mention should be given to the students who, faithful to their convictions, cram the trash in their coat pockets and handbags. Try extracting keys or coins from amidst the jumble and the effort will be appreciated.

Not trying to disrupt this sport, trash cans would still be nice to have.

Steve Knowlton

Money Talks

Women in Joyner last week decided to vote for joining a residence college by putting something on the line - money.

In addition to the \$2.50 per girl per year they'll continue to pay to Joyner for Joyner activities, they'll also kick in \$2 per girl for James Residence College.

This assessment will go toward social functions, tournaments of all sorts, speaker programs, and whatever else the joint administration in James College thinks will be good for its residents.

The merger came about for a couple of reasons. "A girl's dorm can't exist alone anymore on this campus," said Joyner President Barbara Brownridge. She's right for a couple of reasons, one purely pragmatic and the other ideological.

Because of the size of most women's residence halls, the available funds are limited, which means that few social functions and almost no academic activities can be undertaken. By contrast, James has almost 800 students and in combination with Joyner, nearly 1,000. This times \$2 gives the coed College enough capital to provide a worthwhile program of activities, both social and academic, for the year.

With the tremendous growth in residence colleges on this campus since Morrison opened in the fall of 1965, a greatly expanded program can be expected from James College next year, replete with faculty fellows and other academic pursuits.

Ideologically, the formation of another coed college is a great step toward giving more people a better education. Education not only in a textbook sense, but also in an initiation and developmental

Should it be felt that the cans would spoil the appearance or our campus, steps could be taken to disguise them. There are probably many students bubbling over with ideas to disguise trash cans.

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It has been suggested that some of the less than successful campus politicians get together and form an Independent Trash Party. It would be a sure winner with the slogan, "trash can on every corner".

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