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24-Hour, 7 Day-A-Week Visitation, Now!

On the floor of Student Legislature tonight the elected representatives of the student body will be asked to represent their constituents. They will be asked to take a stand nearly all of them believe is right.

There is just one hitch: they may not have the guts.

The administration's visitation policy comes up for Student Legislature's approval tonight. The policy includes provisions for holding visitation three nights a week within limited hours and with doors "ajar."

The Student-Faculty Visitation Committee, appointed by the Chancellor, reported out in favor of a 24-hour, seven day a week policy. What happened? Chancellor Sitterson intervened and reconstituted a slightly modified version of last year's archaic policy.

This year's policy is better than last year's. But no matter how improved the policy is the fact remains that Uncle J. Carlyle is exercising authority he has no business taking. Neither Chancellor Sitterson, nor anybody else, has the legitimate authority to tell us who we may take into our homes. And our dorm rooms are our homes for nine months a year.

What the students, but not the administration realize, is that the present open-house proposal is not granting a privilege three days a week, but denying one during the rest of the week.

Why did the Chancellor even go to the bother of having a student-faculty committee in the first place? Quite simply, because he didn't want to take the blame for the policy. In case you haven't figured it out that is the same reason he wants to obtain a rubber stamp

approval from student legislature.

Also inherent in the decision each legislator will have to make is the future of "student self government."

According to a time honored Carolina principle "the UNC student enjoys complete student self government." The legislators serving as the Chancellor's rubber stamp is not consistent with this tradition.

If the legislators fail to represent the students, who incidentally elected them, then the student body should begin to seriously consider their worth.

The first point brought up by many concerned with the visitation issue is that

"if we don't approve the administration's policy then there will be no visitation."

Fortunately, there is an alternative—a visitation policy drawn up and enforced by student government.

Student Government has the legitimate power to enact and enforce social rules for the student body. Tonight they will be asked to exercise that power. Legislators will have the opportunity to enact a visitation policy that will allow each house unit to have visitation whenever it chooses. The houses would vote in the same manner they do now—if the house doesn't want visitation, there would be no visitation. However, if they

do want it, they can have it whenever they like. Twenty-four hours a day seven days a week, if they choose.

The administration probably won't like this naughty streak of independence. But the responsibility for enforcement is in the hands of the student courts. And the student courts will be authorized to enforce only the student passed bill. The administration will have to enforce their own law themselves, while students have visitation whenever the floor decides.

The administration is powerless to enforce restrictions upon the student without the students' consent. In other words, if we won't bring the paddle to them they can't spank us.

Visitation, And The Administration

The Open House Agreement, released by the Chancellor's office last week, will be placed before the Student Legislature tonight. That agreement has been the center of much controversy and confusion, and remains so.

First, the Agreement's limits within which Open Houses may be planned are quite different than the proposals drafted by the Open House Committee.

Dean of Men James O. Cansler, co-chairman of that committee, said Wednesday the committee had proposed visitation for seven days a week, from noon until two a.m., and that no mention was made of whether doors to students' rooms should remain open.

After the committee submitted its report to Chancellor Sitterson, Mr. Sitterson conferred with the chancellors of the six branches of the Consolidated University, and subsequently the present proposals were drawn up.

Those proposals permit Open House activities each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and other "particular" days, and require that doors of residents remain "ajar."

In other words, the regulations in the Open House Agreement represent the feelings of the six chancellors rather than of the Open House Committee, which was established by Mr. Sitterson for just the purpose of proposing regulations.

Whatever happened to the power of such committees? It almost seems as if they are irrelevant, or, if they are relevant, then they serve merely to carry on busy work which the Chancellor would rather not carry on.

A second confusion point is the section of the Agreement which deals with violations of the policy. Two clauses state residents or visitors who do not approve of the decisions on violations issued in student courts may appeal the violations to the Faculty Review Board.

If those clauses were to go into effect, the whole idea of student self-discipline, of student courts and student government, would be little more than utter travesty.

What would be the point of student courts, if the Faculty Review Board could overrule those student courts almost arbitrarily?

As far as Dean Cansler is concerned, there have been conflicting statements on his part as to the issue raised by those clauses.

At one point, he is reported to have said the clauses were mandatory; at another point he was quoted as believing the clauses were negotiable. In response to questions Wednesday, Mr. Cansler said he would rather not say what he thought.

Both clauses were recommended by the Open House Committee, and both were part of the experimental visitation last spring. But the question which they raise as to the validity of the student Judiciary, and the uncertainty demonstrated by Dean Cansler on the matter, leaves the issue tasting of doubt. Doubt as to the credibility of both Dean Cansler, and the rationale behind the two clauses.

The visitation controversy is far from resolution. We dislike the policy primarily because it is out of the realm of the University to attempt to assume responsibility for the social comings and goings of the students on this campus. Those students are human beings, and as such have the right to determine for themselves what to do with their own lives.

But, almost as an afterthought, we cannot seriously consider a policy which has the flaws of the present Open House Agreement. It smacks of dictation of an authoritarian University administration, an administration which seems to hold no respect for the student courts, or the students themselves as human beings.

We strongly urge the Student Legislature to defeat the proposal and to draft and approve one which represents the rights of students on this campus, and represents them both as students and as human beings.

Any other action on the part of the Student Legislature would call into question the value of its very existence.

Ken Ripley

One of the many little tasks that occupied me when I was a freshman last year was trying to figure out what in the world people meant when they talked about "becoming a whole person."

Everyone, it seemed, had their own definition of what it means to be cool, whole, and well-rounded, but somehow each one left me feeling hollow and empty inside.

One upperclassman said that to be "in" I had to drive the latest car, wear the newest fashions, know the proper people, and live in an apartment. The problem with that ideal life was that I wasn't allowed to own a car, don't know a fashion from a fetish, know few if any of the "proper people," and can't afford an

apartment. Strike one.

Another friend told me that to be accepted and to "fulfill my true role as a student in this University," I had to wear grungy clothes, become a radical, abhor conventional interests and mannerisms, and curse the military-industrial complex. But I can't stand grungy clothes over three days old, was laughed at by the SDS, happen to like showers and classes, and my father is a career Naval officer heading to Viet Nam. I couldn't fit this role, either. Strike two.

Several of my partying friends tried to convince me that to be a whole person I have to make out with a girl on the first date, go steady after the first semester, get drunk every night or at least on the

weekends, and "get what I can out of life." They seemed to be saying that life is all taking, and giving only when necessary. That hurt me most of all. I just couldn't and can't treat girls as things, bodies without souls, and I couldn't force myself to date and drink on pretenses, or to go with some girl I don't love. I didn't want to take from people, demanding everything and not giving anything in return.

It seemed to me that many people here were willing to give me anything I needed in terms of friendship, love, and support. I felt that I'd be cheated if I wasn't allowed to give what is good in me to someone else who needed it. I wanted love and personal fulfillment, but didn't want to steal it. Strike three.

For me, it was strike three, and I really felt out for quite a while. I wanted very much to be "whole," but couldn't fit myself into any stereotypes and adapt myself to be something I wasn't. But because many of my friends found their roles and adopted them, I felt left out and alone, sensitive to the pain within and around me and looking for something real that I could be. I was just trying to grow into myself, but couldn't discover how.

But then I met someone who really seemed to be "a whole person." Watching him, I discovered three things that helped me and can help all of us.

The first thing that struck me about this boy was the way he had reconciled his responsibility with his freedom. He knew what he wanted to do in the future, or at least what he needed to do, and he had a great sense of reason, common sense, and foresight, so that he didn't score such things as study or even, with qualifications, military service. But yet he hadn't lost his sense of youth, of loving life, of getting the most he can out of living.

He didn't always succeed, but sometimes moving to either extreme, but he tried to set up a balance. This seems to be what

we all need, to strike a balance and not either sink in the mud of work or walk around with our heads in the clouds.

The second thing that I learned, though still have to put into practice more, is to accept people for what they are. This boy personally didn't live in any patterned front but had friends on different sides of the spectrum because he let them be themselves around him. He didn't try to change them, but enjoyed their presence and what they offered him. He made me realize that I demand so much of the people around me that they have my tastes or interests, that they meet my standards. "Part of becoming whole," he said, "is to let others be whole, too, and not a collective 'you.'"

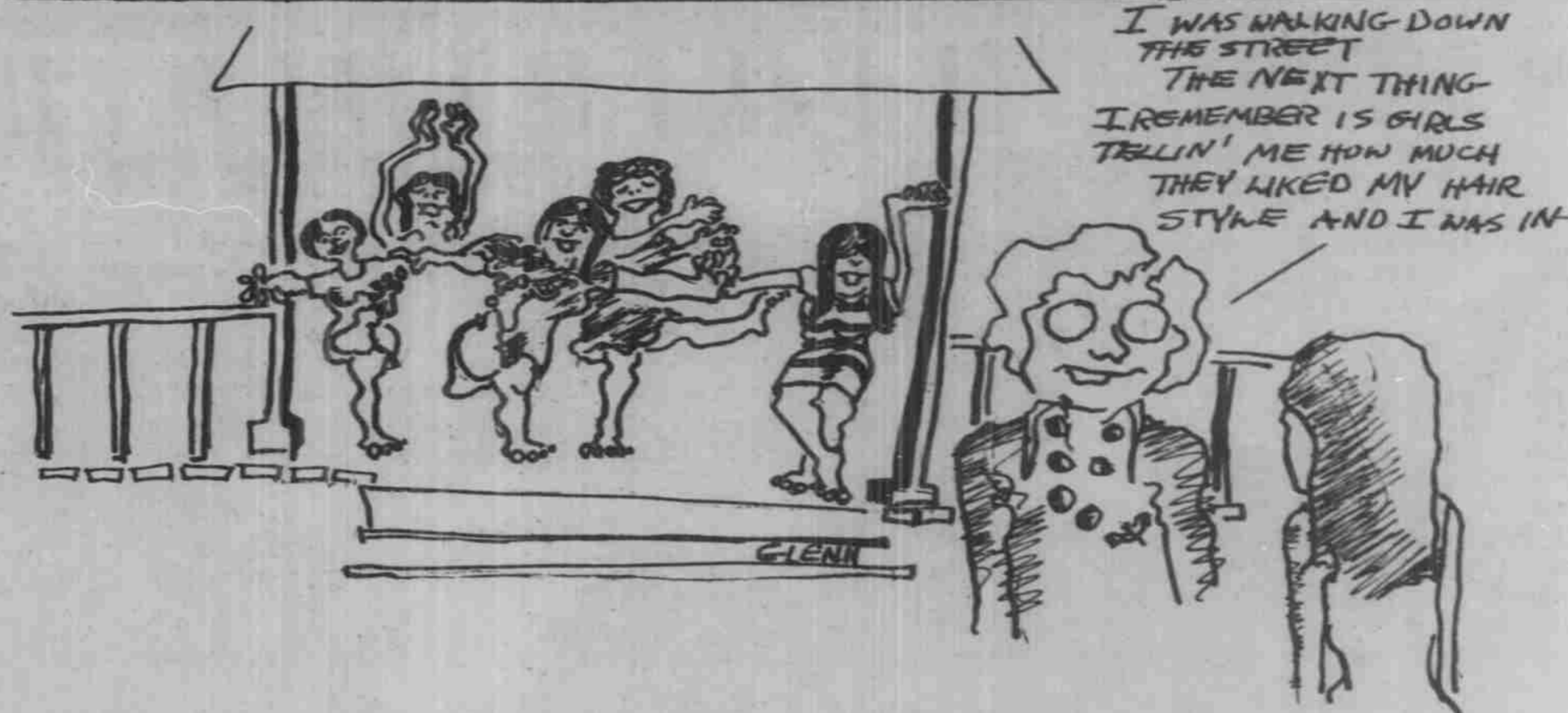
The third thing I discovered is to not get hung-up on myself and my worries, but to open myself to others.

Most things we do, are really quite selfish. I guess this isn't bad, really, because we are naturally self-oriented, but it does deprive others of what we can give. This boy taught me without even knowing it not to hate or neglect myself and my needs, but to show more loving concern for others and their needs.

He tried to be a poet. "Love fills our hearts most," he said, "when we pour it on someone else." There's so much to do in Chapel Hill for other people, on both a small and large scale.

I need to show more love, for instance, to my room-mate, and learn consideration. We need to be more concerned about people, more giving of our time and interest to doing things for others. We don't have to be a one-man social agency, but we can be agents of social concern.

Classes were heavy last year, and I learned something for my tuition, I hope. But I think I learned most outside of class. I just hope I can put it to use and discover as much of my potential as a human being as I can. I want to be "a whole person." That is why I am here. That is why we are all here.



'Becoming A Whole Person'



Whattaya mean "petty bourgeois"—
I'm a successful small
businessman!

Good For Spencer Dorm

Something significant is happening at Spencer Dormitory. A number of girls there have circulated a petition calling for "experimental abolition" of house meetings.

House meetings, and compulsory house meetings at that, are left to the discretion of house presidents by women's rules as established by the Association of Women Students, formerly the Women's Residence Council.

The Spencer petitioners feel the present system is "unnecessarily time-consuming since its purpose can be achieved by other means."

The president of Spencer, Fenna Boon, has called a meeting of the dormitory's executive committee for next week to discuss the petition.

It would be wise for that committee to do something about the absurdity of compulsory house meetings.

There are other ways of getting information to the residents of a

dormitory, one of which is to post notices on official bulletin boards, the other of which is to call for hall meetings. But to require girls to attend full house meetings, late at night, for the purpose of giving them information, is inane at best.

According to Sally Howle, who originated the petition, and Pam Jenks, both Spencer residents, a house meeting was held recently which lasted 1 1/2 hours after the dormitory had been closed at 11 p.m. for the meeting.

During that time, the girls were required to listen to information on organizations and activities "which are purely voluntary such as participation in the Women's Athletic Association and King Residence College."

Women students, on this campus, or anywhere else, are not livestock to be herded at the will of arbitrary bosses. They are people with some kind of rights. It would be gratifying if Spencer dorm took some note of those rights.

Letters To The Editor

'My Car Can't Get Over The Speed Bumps'

To the Editor:

HELP!
My car can't get over those speed bumps!

OK, they are nice and will certainly discourage future traffic (mine), but don't you think they are a little high? My Sprite just barely made it over the top, engine racing and tires squealing, and I think I heard the oil pan scraping.

This is a real problem. Sprites, Fiats, and MG midgets may have to be picked up and carried over those mountains. Or maybe one of us will be centered there, suspended on a ridge of asphalt, tires spinning in empty air... it can happen, you know. Imagine a poor tourist, driving through this great university and not knowing that ahead lies a trap... WHAMMO. Stuck in midair.

Either put up signs warning of the hazards ahead, or please lower those bumps.

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Outside Agitators Disrupt Campus

To the Editor:

We've started out this year so well I

hate to see any outside agitators spoil it. Something must be done to keep these people who are unaffiliated with the University from entering our buildings and taking over activities established for the students.

Nothing was said at first when only a few of these outsiders infiltrated the campus, but when they begin to enter by the busloads, disrupting campus order, something must be done. We must stop them before they begin to influence some of the weaker minds of the University.

I am speaking of the Highway Patrol and their recruits. Monday night, the students were lined up outside the doors of the Chase with only one-half hour left to eat. In came several cars full of Highway Patrol and a bus of at least forty recruits. Not only did they enter our cafeteria, but they "marched" straight upstairs in front of all of us waiting and "took over" the head of the line. Of course this caused great confusion on the part of the students, but being the level-headed persons we are, we remained silent. Who knows what they would have done to our women and children?

We must bring a halt to this disruptive element in our society today!

Robert Wilson
406 Morrison

Counter-Orientation Brings Reaction

To the Editor:

The United States no longer belongs to the Indians, Thomas Jefferson is not a hero of black people; these are facts that will never be changed just as John F. Kennedy was assassinated and millions of Jewish people have suffered insane tortures and deaths. There have been many tragic misfortunes in the history of mankind, many inhuman injustices, and as long as man walks on earth, such things will continue in varying degrees.

Our fathers may have lived in France, England or Africa, but we live here, and if we don't like it, we can leave. Those of us who stay must face the facts. It is a fact that my father and many others like him will never change their ideas, but we have no right to hate them because they are products of their environment. Even we have a part of them inside us. But their environment is not our environment, their heroes are not our heroes, and their generation is not our generation. However, we do live in a world molded by their history, and if we think we can destroy this overnight no matter how

impatient we may be, then we are still children and our tiny shadows will never replace theirs.

Sondra Peabody
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