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Harry Bryan, Editor

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Dorm restrictions harsh but needed

Regulations released Thursday by the Office of Student Affairs concerning non-students visiting James Dormitory may seem harsh, but action had to be taken quickly to prevent the second violent death on the campus in two years.

The new regulations, which went into effect this weekend, will restrict admittance to the dorm to all persons with the exceptions of students with identification cards and registered guests of James residents.

The restrictions will apply every Friday and Saturday between 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. The dormitory will be patrolled during those hours by Pinkerton guards and campus police who will be spot-checking for student IDs.

Admittedly, the new restrictions will make James seem more like a penitentiary than a University residence hall. And black students will bear the brunt of the new regulations more than anyone else,

since they will probably be asked for their identification card every time they leave their rooms, while whites will be freely roaming about.

But something had to be done to attempt to quell the violence that has been occurring in the dormitory on many weekends this year.

A number of reports have been made this year of students being threatened with guns and other weapons, of actual cases of physical assault and other such disturbances. According to some students who either live in James or visit there frequently, many more incidents have actually occurred but have not been reported.

In announcing the new regulations, James O. Cansler, associate dean of the Office of Student Affairs, said the restrictions are merely a temporary measure that will stay in effect until a better solution is found.

Since the majority of the cases have reportedly involved black non-students from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community, we encourage Cansler, as well as the students and residence hall officials who participated in drafting the new restrictions, to get to the root of the problems that are causing ill feelings between UNC students and youths from the town.

But until something further is done, the new restrictions, harsh as they may be, are needed in James Dormitory.

Now that's sorta weird

The town of Hillsborough is presently planning to purchase property in the town, with the help of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, for \$80,600. However, according to Orange County tax books, that piece of property is worth only \$17,800.

Now either something fishy is going on, or inflation is really here for sure.

Gerry Cohen

Young hopefuls may lose seats

In the crowded 1972 North Carolina election field, nine young people have offered themselves for election to various positions. Unfortunately, at least five of them may be denied a seat in their respective office even if they win their election.

During the 1971 General Assembly, two amendments to the N. C. Constitution were ordered submitted to a vote of the people on November 7, 1972. The first lowers the voting age to 18, and was superseded by the U.S. Constitutional amendment, but will still be voted on anyway.

The second amendment amends Article VI Section 6 of the N.C. Constitution and requires all officeholders be "at least 21 years of age," as well as "a qualified voter."

Presently, the only requirement is that one be "a qualified voter." When the voting age was 21, the age for holding office was automatically set at 21.

Now that Congress has lowered the voting age to 18, the age for officeholding has also been lowered to 18 in North Carolina and will remain that way if the constitutional amendment is defeated at the polls this November.

Of much importance to young people, especially high school students, is the local school board. In the Winston-Salem-Forsyth County school district, two 18-year olds and a 19-year old have filed their candidacies for election to the school board. Four of the eight seats on the school board in that county are open for election this November.

Mark Dodson, an 18 year-old liberal high school senior, has filed in the Democratic primary, and will face eight other opponents for the four nominations in the May 6 primary. An 18 year-old Republican high school senior has filed in the Republican primary, and will face five opponents for the four Republican nominations.

In addition, a 19 year old Western Carolina University freshman from Winston Salem has filed as an American Party candidate. He has no primary opposition, and will appear on the November 7 ballot. His campaign platform is far right.

If the constitutional amendment is passed, these people, who might have won election, will be denied a school board seat.

Passage of the amendment will forever deny any high school student the right to stand for election to a school board, or for any young college student to stand for any elective office.

Defeat of the amendment will not "put young people in office," it will simply enable them to run.

Two 18 year olds are running for the General Assembly. In the Bladen, Sampson, Columbus County districts, Greg Singletary is running in the Democratic Primary May 6. In Vance County, a young Republican has won his party's nomination and will appear on the November 7 ballot.

Other young people running for office include Gus Gusler, a 22-year old candidate for General Assembly in the Democratic primary in Alamance County. He has eight opponents in the race for four seats. Gusler is student body president at N.C. State University. Tom Adams, 22, is a candidate for General Assembly in the May 6 Democratic primary in Wake County, and Steve Metcalf, 21, student body vice-president at Appalachian State University is in a five man race for the three Democratic nominations for county commissioner in Watauga County.

In Orange County, 21 year old Peter Tripodi is in a 7 person Democratic primary race for the General Assembly.

The young candidates over the age of 21 all say the amendment should be defeated, although it will not affect them. We can assume the under 21 candidates are also against the amendment.

To talk about the right to vote without the secondary right to hold office is absurd. The young candidates plan to ask candidates for statewide offices to take a position on the constitutional amendment to see whether they favor the right of young people to hold office in North Carolina. Their response will be watched by many.

On November 7, the amendment to raise the office holding age to 21 should be defeated. Will the "big politicians" speak publicly against the amendment?

Passage or defeat of the amendment will not affect the age limit of 30 for Governor or Lieutenant Governor, or the 25 year old age limit for state senator.

REGISTER to vote now. The deadline is April 6.

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Letters to the editor

Critic accused of plagiarizing Crist reviews

To the editor:
DTH writer Betty Brody is fortunate to have such a champion as Mr. Mitchell Lennon to leap to the defense of her "film journalism" (DTH, February 24). However, Mr. Lennon would have done well to check January's TV Guides. He would have seen:

"[Jules and Jim] is subtitled, but so strong is the visual impact that these subtitles should offer no distraction. One 'reads' a Truffaut film in a purely cinematic sense. For . . . it is a purely filmic creation . . . revolutionary in concept and style, but so universal in its truths and aesthetic that it endures for all times."

[Judith Crist, TV Guide, January 8-14, p.16.]

"[Grand Illusion] is concerned with the illusions of elitism and of nationalism, the artificial boundaries man creates for his legal and illegal killings, the stupidities of the bigotries and class barriers that lead men to destroy each other. You owe yourself the experience of this film."

[TV Guide, January 22-28, p.A-2.] Compare the above with excerpts from Miss Brody's article (DTH, February 2):

"But so great is the visual impact that subtitles offer no distraction. One 'reads' such a classic in a purely cinematic sense. Truffaut's movie is a filmic creation - revolutionary in style and concept, but universal in its truths and aesthetic content."

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I hate to suggest to Mr. Lennon that not all great thoughts aired in seminar discussions spring perfectly formed and pristinely original from the meeting of mind and matter, but such similarities as the above cannot be coincidental. I reproduce for Mr. Lennon the correct spelling of the word "plagiarism."

Colin E. Jeffcoat
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Mary Travers review 'hard'

To the editor:

I think Adrian Scott's concession to "perhaps being a little hard on Mary Travers" is quite an understatement. He says she "has been at it a little too long for this kind of thing to go over with complete success."

By "this kind of thing" I take Mr. Scott to mean the motherless child image he claims she creates and the "meaningful little raps that Mary uttered between songs."

How a "low-cut dress" and an "artfully presented profile" go towards creating a motherless child image escapes me. To the contrary, Mary Travers gave at least a few of us an impression of youthful worldliness, of appearing young and appealing while seeming to have a good idea of what is happening around her today.

The "meaningful little raps" did not lower my opinion of Mary Travers'

performance. That her voice is very good is obvious, and that she is a singer by profession is even more obvious. But does being a singer with a good voice mean one cannot comment on social questions, or that one has to blast forth from song to song with no opportunity for a little talk with the audience without that talk being edited? Mary Travers seemed to establish good rapport with her audience, and it seemed quite a few felt the sting of her voter registration comment.

The music was good, the sound was better than usual for Carmichael, and everyone seemed pleased by the concert as a whole. Almost everyone.

One final note on those speakers that produced the sounds at Woodstock. If I remember correctly, Mary's attack on the speakers was because of their position in space, not their quality as sound-producers. And I felt she was justified in asking Mr. Hanley to "stop creating" for her. Her voice came through very nicely during the concert, which is, perhaps, what she wanted to come through - her own voice.

William R. Cowper
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Finder-keeper not always rule

To the editor: To whom it may concern:
It is nice to know that some people are still willing to go out of their way to do something for someone else. To whoever returned my checkbook totally intact on

the same day it was missing, my sincere thanks.

John D. Davis, Jr.
753 James

Non-existence hard to prove

To the editor:

I am writing in response to a letter written by Richard Farmer. I think Mr. Farmer is entitled to his opinions about religions. However, I feel he has gone a bit too far to set himself up as an authority on the non-existence of God. Even using the scientific method one cannot prove that God does not exist. I am sure that there are many scientific principles which like others, Mr. Farmer has not seen nor has the capacity to understand, but nevertheless accepts. Is it not so with the acceptance of the existence of a God?

It seems that Mr. Farmer is using religion as a scapegoat for the problems of society. Personally, I would hate to imagine the world without the "outdated" lessons that Jesus taught. I cannot agree with Mr. Farmer that they are the problems dead people. They are in fact the problems and answers that have transcended time. Even a non-Christian would have to admit to this if he truly studied what Jesus taught. Obviously, Mr. Farmer has not.

I am sure that many people of many diverse religions would agree with me in saying that this world is better off for the

existence of religion. Just because God's existence cannot be proved with material evidence does not mean he does not exist. Remember, his existence cannot be disproven either, just like many scientific phenomena. I can speak only for myself now, but I know that if I had only myself and other men to believe in, I doubt I could make it through this life at all.

I wish Mr. Farmer luck going through life as "his own experience." It sounds like he is setting up himself as well as every individual as a god. I hope he has few disciples, for such "outdated" ideas as mutual love and respect for one's fellow man will obviously have no part in his society.

Patsy Ferebee
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Reader agrees with Weatherly

To the editor:

I cannot sit silent any longer. For the past few weeks, a barrage of criticism has been leveled on Keith Weatherly, a writer for the DTH. Although I hate labeling people, I must admit that Mr. Weatherly is not as "liberal" as some people I know. But having been labelled as a 'conservative' myself by some of my friends, I must sympathize with Mr. Weatherly.

Mr. Weatherly presents his views very intelligently and he has one of the most interesting columns in the DTH. His arguments make a lot of sense and besides, I happen to agree with him on

most matters. I would just like to say: "Keep up the good work, Keith, and bravo!"

George Frye
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Library not yet 'place of study'

To the editor:

Concerning Mr. Davis' letter of February 24 concerning the noisy conditions in the library, we would like to sympathize with him. Our QPA dropped from 3.2 to 2.8 and 3.0 to 2.4 from last spring to this fall because of the lack of ability to concentrate on our studies in the so-called undergraduate "monkeyhouse." The library is also our only place to study as over 5,000 students living in University housing will attest to the abundance of noise in the dormitories during studying hours.

We recommend that the students realize the Union is specifically designed for gatherings of "hell-raisers" and "bull-sessions" and that the library is a place of study.

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