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Self-limiting hours asked for 18-year-old women

by Mary Ellis Gibson
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All freshman women 18 years or older may have self-limiting hours next fall if a proposed change in women's rules is approved by the administration.

The Association of Women Students (AWS) unanimously approved the change in rules which was proposed by Women's Forum at their meeting Monday night.

AWS also announced the formation of an escort service for women based in the undergraduate library starting Monday.

The new rules provide that women who are 18 automatically receive

self-limiting hours and women under 18 may have self-limiting hours with parental permission.

If self-limiting hours are granted, a student will automatically have voluntary sign-out for overnight absences.

The present policy grants self-limiting hours automatically to second semester women and above. Parental permission is required for self-limiting hours for first semester freshman women.

Under the new rules, registered guests in women's dormitories who are 18 or older may receive self-limiting hours.

Each hostess would obtain in advance an identification card for her guest which

would be validated by the hostess's signature.

Falsifying information on a guest identification would be an Honor Code offense.

The proposed change in rules was in part a reaction to new legal privileges granted to 18-year-olds by the N.C. legislature, according to Texie Perry, co-chairman of Women's Forum.

The change in self-limiting hours seemed justified by the fact most women students have received parental permission for self-limiting hours before the privilege was automatically granted, Perry said.

In addition, few women students who enter the University are under 18 years of age, she said.

Other women's rules proposed for next year are essentially the same as this year with the exception of the changes in guest privileges and in self-limiting hours.

An escort service to protect women who must go out alone at night may be established soon, Kate Whittington told AWS members.

The service is being operated through the Residence College Federation and will begin Monday night on a trial basis, Whittington said. Escorts will be available from 8 p.m. until 2:10 a.m. in the undergraduate library to walk with women to their dormitories or to their cars.

The escorts will have special identification cards and women should ask to see this card and a student identification card, Whittington said.

"Some administrators and many students say the escort service won't work," Whittington said. "The only way to prove it will be for girls to use it - we want to let girls know it isn't safe to walk alone at night."

She warned that three assaults were reported last week. In one case, a woman was knocked off her bicycle by an assailant.

A counselor from the Women's Assault Line, a service for women who have been assaulted or raped, also warned AWS members of the danger of being attacked.

AWS members agreed to distribute material to publicize the assault line and to encourage women students to use it in case they are attacked or if they have been attacked and need counseling.



TODAY: Variable cloudiness with chance of showers; high near 70, low in the 50's; probability of precipitation 30 percent through tonight.

'Increase mandatory'

Different dorm rates set

by William March
Staff Writer

The planned dorm rent increase using different rates for men's, women's and coed housing will go into effect next fall, according to Robert Kepner, director of the Office of Residence Life.

The rent increase, Kepner said, is mandatory due to increasing costs for dorm maintenance. He predicted dorms would lose \$130,000 next year if rents stayed the same.

The decision to continue using different rates for men and women "is based simply on making those who use the extra services pay for them," he said.

"The last rent increase went into effect in the fall of 1968. At the end of fiscal year 1968-69, we had a \$44,000 surplus. With the same rents in 1969-70, we had a \$5,500 surplus, which is not much if you are trying to run a break-even operation involving over two million dollars."

With the same rent in 1970-71, Kepner said an \$8,800 deficit was registered. "This deficit would have been much higher except for a higher occupancy level than we expected."

"With the rates at this year's level," he continued, "we could expect a deficit of \$130,000. With the rent increase, we should just about break even."

Kepner listed three reasons why women's dorms were more expensive to maintain than men's dorms: women's dorms need security personnel for after-hours procedures; women's dorms have more space per person than men's dorms; and there is more administrative staffing, including full-time personnel, in women's dorms.

"All these involve extra personnel," he said, "and personnel is our largest single expenditure in dorm maintenance."

Because of the decision to cut back by 20 percent the housekeeping done by dormitory personnel, Kepner said, \$12.50 per student per semester has been cut from the projected rates. "This cut-back in housekeeping was supported by the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on University Residence Life (CURL) and by the Residence College Federation," he said.

Under the new housekeeping system, janitors and maids will clean private rooms only twice a year, on an

announced schedule. All common areas and halls will be cleaned on a daily basis.

Kepner said beginning next year the University will try to break even on dormitory rents every year, instead of incurring large surpluses and deficits. "In the past," he said, "we have raised rents to above our costs, and gotten surpluses. Then, when costs went up, we had deficits. From now on, we will try to adjust rents to match costs every year."

Kepner said the trend toward coed dorms might mean "in the long run, dorm rent for men and women will begin to even up. Also, our costs might go down if we cut back more expenditures as we have in the case of housekeeping."

Under the increased rates, rent for a double room in a men's dorm will go from \$150 to \$159.50 per semester. Women's rates for a double room will go from \$190 to \$209.50. Single room rates for men will go from \$225 to \$244.50. Women's single room rates will go from \$285 to \$319.50.

In coed dorms, single rooms will go from \$225 to \$259.50, and double rooms will go from \$150 to \$169.50.

Aldermen study zoning change

by Kathy Koch
Staff Writer

Service station owners, oil company interests and the League of Women Voters had their say before the Board of Aldermen and the Planning Board Monday night over proposed amendments to the town's regulations for gasoline service stations.

The amendments, which have been in the making for more than a year, were proposed in response to public concern that "self-service pumps were jumping up like mushrooms all over the place," said Town Planner Harry Palmer.

The proposed ordinances prohibit any new service stations in the Central Business District. They also limit the number allowed in suburban and regional commercial districts through strict access standards, limitations on signs and

displays, the amount of screening and setback required, and strict zoning requirements.

Despite strong support for the new regulations from the League of Women Voters, there was much opposition from several local service station owners and from an attorney of the Humble Oil Co.

Most of the dissatisfaction was over vague wording and stiff restrictions on future service stations which, if passed, would make many existing service stations non-conforming to the ordinance.

Attorney for the Humble Oil Co. Gordon F. Battle thinks the restrictions are unreasonable. He asked the aldermen and the town planners if they knew how many existing lots would qualify for special use permits to build service stations under these restrictions.

Palmer answered that although he did not know the exact number, it would probably be between 6 and 15 lots as presently zoned. However, he explained, lots could be rezoned, raising the number of potential stations substantially.

Battle said Humble Oil believes the particularly unreasonable stipulations are those restricting service stations from being at least 300 feet from any intersections and at least 750 feet from other service stations.

A woman promptly spoke up praising the ordinance because she dislikes intersections with two and three service stations.

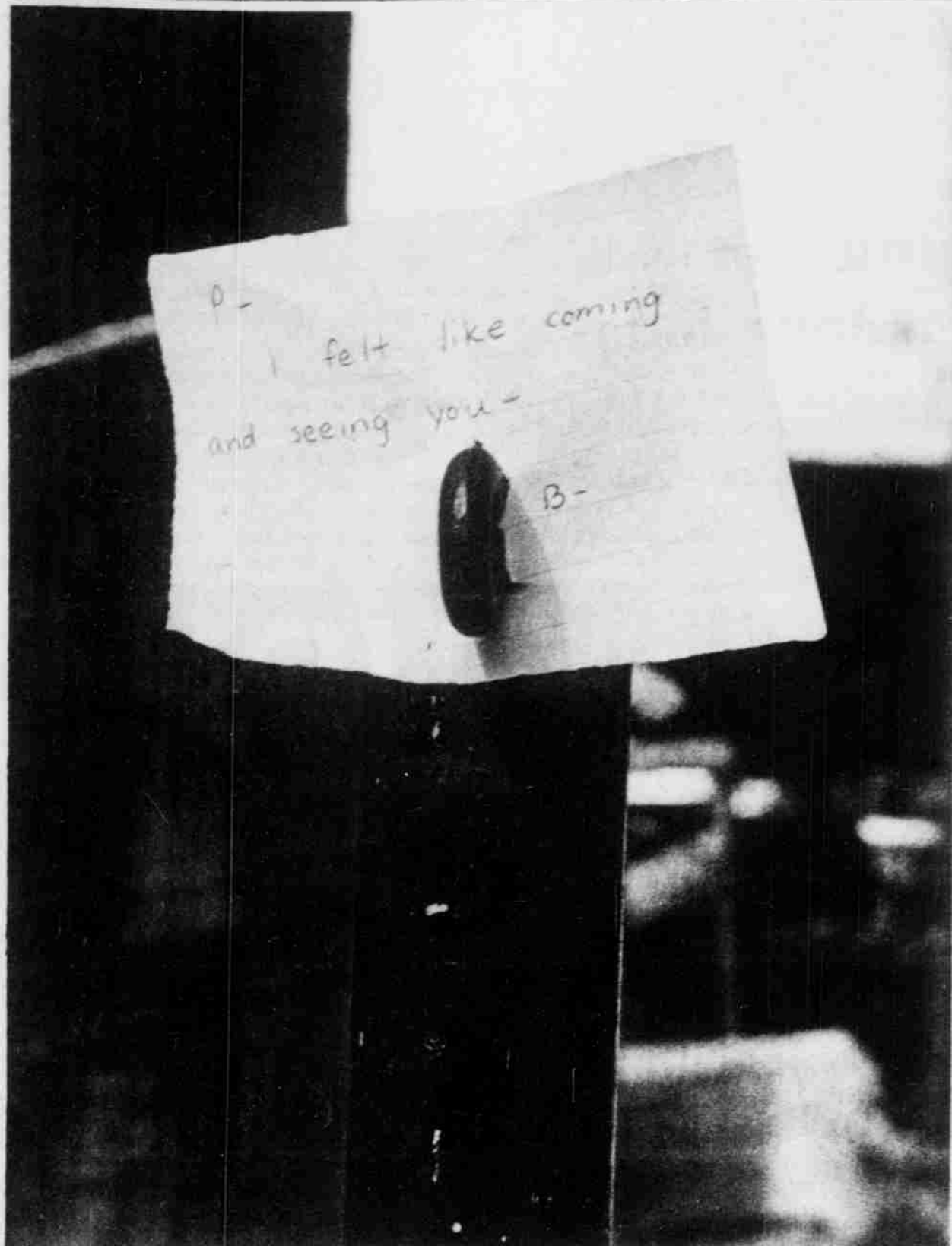
Following the public hearing, the aldermen held their regular meeting.

Alderman Welsh objected to the lack of public-use open space in Colony Woods and said there is already

inadequate space according to existing city ordinances.

The action was delayed until the developer and the Planning Board can negotiate the amount of open space necessary for the subdivision. The developer is willing to dedicate one lot of the six for open space.

The long-standing question of a special use permit for the plans for a new Delta Upsilon fraternity house was delayed another week until information can be gathered regarding plans for the relocation of the historical Dey House and modification of the parking requirements if the Dey House is to be kept on the property. The Planning Board had recommended the fraternity's revised plans be advertised for another public hearing due to "radical" modifications in the character and nature of the proposed structure.



People have traditionally left notes in many places around campus such as bulletin boards, mail boxes or doors. However, "B" found an original but strange place. Wonder if "P" ever found it? (Staff Photo by Tad Stewart)

Epps to sponsor campaign reforms

Two bills - one to limit campaign spending in campuswide elections, the other to place ballot boxes in the law and medical schools - will be sponsored in Student Legislature (SL) by Richard Epps, student body president.

Epps said he is introducing the bill to limit campaign spending because he feels too much money is being spent on campuswide campaigns. This, he feels, makes holding an elective office an impossibility for a student of average means.

The bill tentatively sets campaign spending limits at a maximum of \$150 for each student body presidential and vice presidential candidate. This would include all donations.

Epps also hoped the measure would inhibit spending in residence college and dorm races.

"I don't feel money should be the determining factor for election," said

Epps. "Races for governor and lieutenant governor have started to get out of hand financially."

The other measure which Epps supports is the placement of ballot boxes in the medical and law schools. The Graduate and Professional Student Federation (GPSF) asked for this measure in an SL meeting before the Feb. 29 election, but was turned down by a 19-10 vote.

In the past, graduate and professional students have had to go to the Student Union to cast their votes in campuswide elections. Epps said he felt this discouraged most graduate and professional students from exercising their right to vote.

These measures will be introduced to committees today. The bills will probably reach the SL floor Thursday night.

Insight Today

The Daily Tar Heel "Insight" appears today with an in-depth look at the history and the future of living-learning residence areas on campus.

"Insight" has been shifted from Friday to Wednesday to increase student readership and to facilitate the production of the DTH.

The DTH looks forward to continuing the tradition of investigative and interpretive reporting for the student body.

Points at Gov. Scott

Bowles fighting 'machine'

by Lynn Smith
Staff Writer

Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles charged Tuesday that he is fighting the "political machine" of Governor Bob Scott in his race for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

Speaking at a WUNC-TV news conference, Bowles pointed out the top three men in Scott's administration were actively supporting his opponent, Lieutenant Governor Pat Taylor.

"Now you know they wouldn't be doing that sort of thing if he didn't approve it," Bowles said. Under pressure from newsmen's questions, the candidate said he had information indicating Scott had talked personally to several people in Taylor's behalf.

Bowles also related an incident in which one of his campaign workers, a state employee, was called in by his superior.

"He had been working for me off-duty hours," Bowles said. "His boss told him there was nothing wrong with that as long as he stuck to the rules. . . then told him he was on duty 24 hours a day, seven

days a week, until the end of the campaign. I lost a worker."

Bowles said he had to spend much more money on television campaigning because of his opponent's well-known office.

He also denied he was "one of the big boys." Although he was on the Board of Directors of First Union National Bank (FUNB) before he started his campaigning, he pointed out he had resigned all his company positions.

"I now have no official connection with FUNB," Bowles said. "That's more than I can say for my opponents. Wilbur Hobby is still head of the AFL-CIO and Pat Taylor has not resigned his board position."

Bowles said he thought his business sense would help him do a better job as governor. He charged that the present administration and legislature had about \$257 million of "fat" in the budget.

He said he would put money to better use instead of raising taxes if he were elected.

Earlier Tuesday, the candidate told a group of students he favors legalization of marijuana if scientific evidence warrants such action.

"Until such time as the experts can get together and say it is not harmful, I am still opposed to legalization," Bowles told the crowd of approximately 400 students who gathered at The Pit.

In his opening speech, Bowles called for greater vocational training, no new taxes and a commission to enforce a standard of ethics for state government employees and officers.

In response to a question on state enforcement of sexual morality, he replied public actions should be regulated since they might be offensive to some people.

"I think it comes under the heading of your own business, what you do in your own home."

Bowles touched on busing, the N.C. Women's Political Caucus, prison reform and industrial development in answering the students' questions.

Bowles has served in the state legislature for two terms. He has also served as director and chairman of the N.C. Conservation and Development Board under two governors.

He attended UNC but entered the insurance business before graduating.



Democratic gubernatorial candidate Skipper Bowles addresses UNC students during a rally yesterday in The Pit.

Bowles spoke briefly and then answered questions from the crowd. (Staff Photo by Leslie Todd)