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Room-by-room coed living test to end on second floor Winston

by Laura Yandell
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Room-by-room coeding on second floor Winston will be discontinued next fall, Donald A. Boulton, dean of Student Affairs, told the *Daily Tar Heel* Wednesday.

The official announcement of the decision was released by Boulton Wednesday night. Seth Effron, residence assistant on second floor Winston, told residents of Boulton's decision.

Boulton based his decision to end the second floor coeding on two factors. He said the facilities in Winston were inadequate for a room-by-room coed living situation and suggested that a suite-by-suite arrangement might have provided a better living arrangement for the experiment.

Boulton also said the second floor situation has the potential to breed adverse publicity.

He said, however, no adverse publicity had occurred to date, "but one never knows

what might happen due to such publicity."

What is good and beneficial about Henderson Residence College (HRC) might be risked if the second floor arrangement is kept, he said.

He said he made his decision for positive reasons: "I want to keep the rest of Henderson Residence College running smoothly, making sure that no one pulls the rug out of the entire program."

Boulton said his decision in no way reflected on the character of the second floor or any individual resident.

"The residents have done a good job and should be congratulated," Boulton said. He added, however, that the matters of the inadequate facilities and the possibility of adverse publicity were highly important in

the decision he had been considering for several months.

Boulton emphasized that the decision to discontinue the second floor Winston arrangement was his decision and his alone. He said he received no outside pressure from alumni, parents or UNC President William Friday.

Boulton said he did not talk with second floor residents or Residence Hall Association (RHA) officials before making his decision.

Boulton said he hoped students would not consider the decision a step backwards in coeducational living.

"I've talked with enough residents from second floor to know that they've had a good experience there," Boulton said, "and I know

they're going to be upset.

"But I've always felt that Henderson Residence College could be successful with or without the second floor. It's not built on just that foundation."

Boulton said he personally had never been against the second floor living arrangements and had always given the impression that he was in favor of experimentation and variety in life styles for the campus.

He said, however, his credibility with RHA and HRC residents would probably be damaged due to his decision.

"We're not regressing," Boulton said. "We've had a good experience on second floor Winston and we've learned a lot."

He added that no more speculation was needed to know that a room-by-room coed



Donald A. Boulton

living situation could be successful.

"You might just say that Winston wasn't the right place and this wasn't the right time for the experiment," Boulton said, because a number of journalists were waiting to make stories out of the experiment.

"We want to be in charge," Boulton said, "not on the defensive."

Winston residents upset with decision

by Lu Ann Jones
Staff Writer

Second floor Winston residents strongly disapproved of Dean Donald Boulton's decision to abolish room-by-room coed living next year. They were informed of the decision at a hall meeting Wednesday night.

Mary Hall Rodman, a second floor resident, said, "I feel really sad. I feel like a really beautiful thing will be lost."

Another resident, Nan Grubbs, commented, "Having lived on both fourth and second floors, I much prefer second. The second floor atmosphere is warmer, and the feeling of a unified group is much stronger."

Fourth floor is 50 per cent male and 50 per cent female and is divided into two sections.

Allan Medearis, a Winston resident for two years, said, "I've lived here before and after the coed living and I think they'll be making a big mistake."

Janet Strauss said, "The Hall has many more assets—the pros are stronger than the cons. It's a little world in itself, like one big group."

Winston residents are eager to hear Boulton's reasons for the decision.

During the meeting, Boulton called Residence Assistant Seth Effron and said his (Boulton's) personal statement to each second floor resident would be sent soon. Boulton's letter was received within a few minutes.

According to Boulton, next year's living arrangements are up to the second floor residents. Room-by-room coeding will not be considered.

When one student asked if anyone was displeased with the present living arrangement, no one responded negatively.



Staff photo by Tom Randolph

UNC student Tom Ashcraft finds YMCA's Big Brother-Big Sister program a stimulating experience. (They help kids.)

N.C. General Assembly

House passes tax bill

by Greg Turosek
Staff Writer

RALEIGH—The North Carolina House of Representatives passed an amended tax reduction package Wednesday by a vote of 77 to 35 after an afternoon of debate.

The bill is similar to one sent back to the Finance Committee by the House last week by a 59-49 vote, except that a \$2000 tax exemption for those whose net income does not exceed \$4000 is included in the bill as an amendment.

This amendment replaces the original provision of reducing the tax rate from three per cent to two per cent on the first \$2000 of taxable income. This provision would have meant roughly a \$20 tax break per year for

all North Carolina taxpayers, rich or poor.

Two other provisions of the bill remained intact. These call for a maximum \$3,000 income tax break for those over 65, and a gradual end over a five year period of the inventory tax which retailers, wholesalers, and manufacturers must pay to local governments.

The bill provides for the payment to local governments by the state of the revenue which they would lose during the period in which the inventory tax is being phased out.

Rep. Jack Hunt (D-Cleveland), author of the amendment, said the amendment provided a tax break where it was most needed—for those with incomes under \$4000—and would save the state \$22 million by giving the tax break only to the poor and not to those in the middle and upper income brackets.

Hunt urged passage of his amendment, which affects 504,000 taxpayers, saying "this group of people does not have a lobbyist."

Rep. Sneed High (D-Cumberland) spoke against the bill saying "It does not give tax relief to the people in this state who need it most." High said relief was needed for those living on pensions and added that it was the 4% sales tax that hurts these people.

Rep. Herbert Hyde (D-Buncombe), who

was in principle in favor of the bill, spoke and voted against it because he felt that the clause eliminating inventory taxes was unconstitutional. He said the bill could not end the inventory tax, and would only keep the tax and make the state pay it instead of the retailers, wholesalers, and manufacturers.

Other representatives, notably Rep. Laurence Cobb (R-Mecklenburg), argued against the bill because of the still unknown effects of the energy crisis. Cobb said he feared possible unemployment could result in reduced revenues.

Rep. Liston Ramsey (D-Madison), however, did not agree with forecasts of economic gloom for the state, and urged passage of the bill, saying "The money is there."

Although the bill initially will cost the state money, it will, in the end, increase revenue by encouraging new businesses to enter into North Carolina and broadening the tax base, said Rep. Ben Tison (D-Mecklenburg).

From its passage by the House, the bill still must go to the Senate before it becomes state law. A tax cut has been opposed all along by Gov. Jim Holshouser, who has said repeatedly that it would be risky in light of the energy crisis.

Police grievance meeting delayed

by Chuck Babbington
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An informal meeting between University personnel offices and campus police scheduled for Tuesday was postponed until Friday.

Police officer Eunice Sparrow said about 17 officers showed up Tuesday to discuss their opposition to proposed changes in the police work shift arrangement.

However, at 1:40 p.m., 20 minutes before the meeting was to begin, the Personnel Office called to say the

meeting would not be held, Sparrow said.

The call was made by the secretary of Dan A. Burlison, assistant director of personnel.

Burlison said Wednesday that due to the absence of a personnel officer Tuesday there was an overload of work and the meeting with the policemen had to be postponed. This decision was made around 12 noon on Tuesday, he said.

The proposals, which many policemen oppose, call for changes in the fixed shift arrangement now in use.

Under the current-fixed shift new officers work the night shift until there is an opening in the afternoon shift. Officers with the most seniority work the day shift.

Ted W. Marvin, director of security services said that beginning Feb. 4 an "exchange program" will begin in which one officer at a time will rotate shifts, serving two weeks on each of the two shifts he does not work regularly.

Most of the policemen are opposed to this, Sparrow said.

The changes were approved by Vice Chancellor of Business John L. Temple and Director of the University

Engineer's Office Allen S. Waters in a letter to Marvin on Tuesday.

Temple said the new arrangement will also give all officers the same number of days off. Presently, officers with more seniority get more days off, he said.

Marvin said he announced the proposed changes to the policemen last week. Sparrow said the men were concerned because Marvin "left the door open" to later involve more than one man at a time in the shift exchange.

Sparrow said several of the policemen who showed up for the meeting which was postponed were on their day off and that some had come from out of town.

Duke representative explains coal position

by Seth Effron
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The presence of several people protesting Duke Power's position in a Kentucky coal mine strike forced a Duke Power spokesman to stray from his prepared talk Monday night in an address before the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Bill Burton, vice president for Public Relations of Duke Power Company, spoke to the AAUW at UNC's Morehead Planetarium about the energy crisis and what Duke Power was doing to see that consumers were getting the energy they need.

Burton charged that the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) were not bargaining in good faith with a Duke subsidiary, Eastover Mining Company of Harlan County, Ky.

The UMWA miners in Harlan have been on strike since last July.

Following his introductory remarks, Burton answered questions about the striking miners in Harlan. He said there were two main points of conflict holding up negotiations.

First, the UMWA national contract, which all UMWA miners in the nation work under, calls for "portal to portal" pay. This means UMWA miners are paid from the time they set foot in the mines rather than from the time they reach the work site.

Burton said Duke, through Eastover, basically agreed to this, but they wanted a no strike clause included in the contract. The

clause would mean miners must agree not to go on strike during the contract period, but could go on strike once the contract ran out.

The United Mine Workers cannot agree to this, UMWA lawyer Bernard Aronson said in a telephone interview Tuesday. The no strike clause would not allow the workers to leave the mines if they felt working conditions were unsafe, he said.

Eastover also refuses to agree to the UMWA clause calling for a miners' safety committee. Burton said the state and federal government both have inspection groups and there would be no sense in adding another.

According to the UMWA contract, the miners would have the power to close the mine if the miners' safety committee determined that conditions were unsafe.

In Burton's prepared talk on the energy crisis he said Duke power is currently operating at 85 per cent capacity and has a 15 per cent reserve. "The reserve of 15 per cent is greater than we've had in the two years before (the energy crisis), when it was 10 per cent."

He said the New England power company had made a request to buy electricity from the Duke Power system because of the current oil shortage. New England produces most of its power by burning oil, which is currently in short supply, while coal, which is Duke's primary source of energy, is plentiful, Burton said.

Burton defended the strip mining of coal. He said Duke Power was willing to patch up the scars it created.

Rather discusses network objectivity

by David Klinger
Staff Writer

DURHAM—Duke University's Page Auditorium was filled to capacity Tuesday night as students received a cram course in broadcast journalism from CBS newsmen Dan Rather.

Invited by the Institute of Policy Sciences and Public Affairs to discuss "A Reporter's Perspective: The Shaping of Reality by Television Network News," Rather offered suggestions to budding journalists from his 12 years of experience on the CBS news team.

"Most reporters see themselves as having been raised in the tradition of objectivity," Rather said. "I was raised that way and still subscribe to the feeling that, insofar as any news story, you try to be objective."

Criticism of television newsmen for alleged liberal political bias was disputed by Rather, who disagreed with the use of labels to characterize public figures.

Rather's personal style in covering the White House for CBS news has itself drawn criticism. "My work has to stand on its own," he said. "When I say something, my name and face are on it."

"In speaking for CBS, and I believe it to be true at the other networks, everyone who touches the finished product is responsible for that product. We look upon that responsibility as a public trust and you have to judge us on how well we uphold it."

Rather supported frequent references to President Nixon as a political loner and offered the examples of former presidential aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman as proof of Nixon's tendency to isolate himself with relatively few advisers.

Weather

TODAY: Cooler, with a chance of thunder showers. The high is expected in the upper 50's to low 60's. The low is expected in the mid 40's. The chance of precipitation is 50 per cent. Outlook: variable cloudiness and warmer.



Dan Rather

"It's really scary to handle news stories coming out of the White House. The way you handle them is important to everyone and the one thought that runs through my mind is 'Be careful,'" he added.

On the subject of impeachment, Rather suggested that people keep an open mind on the subject and base any opinions on the facts revealed by the Watergate investigation and related developments.

"If the President has told the truth, he ought to stay in the White House, but if he hasn't, he ought to go," Rather said.

Efforts to check the flow of news leaks from the White House and administration sources will have an initial impact on news but will ultimately fail, Rather said.

The CBS newsmen appraised his employment by the national media as being free from interference and pressure by his superiors.

"In better than 12 years at CBS, no one has ever suggested to me that I change one word in order to suit an advertiser," he said. "If there was any attempt to influence me in the performance of my job, I would quit."



Ah, spring, and a young lady's tennis turns to tennis. No matter what the calendar says, Wednesday was definitely tennis weather in Chapel Hill as the campus courts were filled with bouncing balls.

(Staff photo by Bill Wrenn)