

Housing game continued

In our continuing tale of "The Housing Game," we come to four more issues:

- the \$50 non-refundable deposit on rooms;
- the mandatory two-semester room contract;
- the equality of double-room and triple-room rates and
- the steep rise in room rent in Winston, Connor and other dormitories with virtually no advance notice.

The deal on the \$50 deposit is this: you pay your \$50 deposit this week. If you decide by July 1 that you do not want to live in University housing, you can get all but \$15 of that amount back. If you decide after July 1 not to live in University housing, you forfeit the entire \$50.

Presumably, the loss of deposit is a mechanism that is there to make sure that people who don't really want or need rooms, and who are only signing up as a long-shot safety valve, don't prevent rooms from being assigned to people who really need rooms on campus.

Our question is this: shouldn't the loss of deposit policy be more

discriminating? For instance, is it fair that a person on the waiting list for a dorm room who really needs a room should also lose his deposit if the university is unable to offer him a room?

We suggest the policy should be this: if you are on the waiting list and the University offers you a room, but you decide not to take it because you have an apartment, then you should lose the deposit. But on the other hand, if you are on the waiting list, and the University is not even able to offer you a room, then the entire deposit should be refunded in all fairness.

The way it stands now, you could lose both your room and your money. It's a case of double or nothing.

Then there's the case of the new housing policy that students must sign up for rooms two semesters at a time. In the past, students have been able to sign up for rooms one semester at a time.

The new policy may make it easier administratively for the housing office and may ensure fuller room

occupancy next spring, but what happened to a consideration of the students? The two-semester policy is asking students to decide this spring that they want to live in a dorm next spring, or else lose \$50 in the process. Many students decide mid-year to move to apartments or fraternity or sorority houses.

A third point is the decision to have people living in triple rooms pay the same rent as those living in double rooms. This is unfair on the face of it, and we are at a loss to find a substantive reason for the decision.

Finally, the decision was made to make residents of Winston and Connor dorms pay the same rate that residents of all-female dorms pay, rather than this year's coed rate. The increased cost will be 29 per cent, and the reason given was that facilities in Winston and Connor are comparable to those offered in all-female dorms. No way.

We strongly urge the housing office to do some serious re-thinking, this time trying harder to keep the interests of students in mind.

Snack Bar needs open bids

The Servomation contract should not be renewed automatically. Bidding should be opened up as it was four years ago to the company that is willing to provide the best possible food at the cheapest price. A detailed and realistic list of student expectations is needed to determine which company is best suited to Carolina. Servomation should not remain on campus unless it can prove that it will provide more services to students than any other company at comparable prices.

Food service at UNC is now grossly inadequate. When only 15 per cent of campus residents prefer university food to the expense of Franklin Street or the inconvenience of dorm cooking, something is terribly wrong. The Union Snack Bar is crucial because it is the profitable part of the campus food system.

This gives Servomation leverage because it could threaten to leave the university altogether. But, even with their recent improvements, this is hardly a threat. Students also have leverage on the situation. Any sort of limited student boycott of the Snack Bar would cut food profits to the quick, no matter what company is in control next year.

Hopefully the situation will never reach such crisis proportions. Whether Servomation is running the campus food operation next year or not, a number of general improvements can be made.

Since Christmas there has been a new manager of the Snack Bar itself, Clarence Mayo. An experienced fast-foods franchise operator, he has the best interests of the students in mind and is willing to implement them as soon as possible. He could use student support to

provide more attractively prepared food, cleaner tables, increased selection, and more efficient counter arrangement.

The Food Service Advisory Committee must become far more active. Computerized questionnaires should be distributed each semester to find which foods should be introduced and which eliminated. Companies are amenable to change if proposals are clearly and forcefully presented. Students might be willing to pay slightly more for superior quality food and more attractive dining areas.

The university must do its fair share to improve basic facilities. Even with the recent refurbishment of the Pine Room, redecoration and rearrangement are needed in all three Servomation facilities. Provision should be made in future contracts for the continual upgrading of food and facilities until a reasonable number of on-campus residents choose university food over the other alternatives.

Students must be far more cooperative and considerate to themselves and to management. Genuine change is never effected by rudeness, ripping-off, or leaving tables dirty and cluttered. Students always complain about food wherever they are, and we must be careful to limit ourselves to legitimate grievances, not imaginary gripes.

Servomation has made some improvement in the last four years, but contract renewal must not be automatic. Open bidding is the only way to assure the best possible food service on campus.

Gerry Cohen

Democrats' quotas evaluated

The last five years, the issue of quotas has been perhaps the most divisive one in the Democratic Party. Generally, it pits the older line party regulars against the newer people in the party.

Two weeks ago, the N.C. Democratic Executive Committee gave tentative approval for a new set of guidelines for the 1976 delegate selection that will replace the so-called quotas with a mandate for party officials to seek out minority representation.

Will this change be form or substance? The 1970 plan, written for North Carolina by now Lt. Gov. James Hunt, provided that at all levels (precinct committees, county, district and state conventions,) the party was to have representation from blacks, women and those 30 or under in reasonable relationship to the local population.

Orange County was probably the only county in the state that complied exactly and totally with all the quotas. Generally, the counties with least public support provided the least enforcement. At the state convention, 17 of the 34 Orange County delegates were women, while from some counties, the rate was as low as 11 per cent.

In only one case did the party refuse

to seat a delegation — in Halifax County, whites refused to allow blacks into a precinct committee meeting when delegates were elected — and in retaliation, the state convention excluded the delegate from that precinct.

Some would like you to believe that the quotas "kept people out of the party." As far as I can tell, nothing of the sort happened. The very idea of a democratic party is that all sorts of people are to participate in the decision-making process. Indeed, the Federalist papers seemed to indicate that contemporaries assumed that no one would serve even in Congress for more than one term, to insure new blood and new ideas.

But when one person has represented a precinct at the state convention for 30 years, what incentive is there for anyone else in the precinct to work? If a person must work for the party to go to convention, that is a rule that any reasonable person can expect. But most young people are very mobile until they are 30 or so. Are they expected to work their first 12 years without being able to get involved because "you just moved here"?

The North Carolina Democratic party for generations excluded blacks. Did ending discrimination mean involvement of blacks? There is a large difference. If blacks were told in 1967, "OK — you can work like anyone else and in 20 years get some power" — would this have made up for the prior exclusion? Of course not.

It required mandatory quotas, for 1970, 1972 and 1974 to bring blacks into leadership positions in the party so that they could retain and increase their power from the inside, without being outsiders. More work is needed.

As for young people, the cry was that the party must encourage issue oriented people to become involved in party affairs, and have impact on policy. To tell a young person that he must wait 20 years, reserves party participation to those involved in politics solely because of personalities or for personal self-interest.

The whole impetus for quotas came out of the 1968 debacle at the National Convention and in the fall election. In 1968 and before, Democratic rules were clearly rigged. Nominating meetings were unpublicized or closed, delegates to the national convention were chosen up to three years before the national convention. And the participation of anyone but white males was almost zero

— even though in the presidential election, over 20 per cent of the Democratic vote was black.

Quotas were a necessary evil for 1970-1974. They enabled classes of persons previously excluded by tradition from participating to become part of the influential leadership. Now, from positions of power, they will be able to command more authority — and the old party will not be able to ignore them.

It is good that mandatory quotas are gone. But the young and the black will watch closely to see if the party leadership does take the affirmative action the new rules require and actively seeks out their participation. If they are ignored, then a large amount of the Democratic vote will be silent in November.

In North Carolina, precinct meetings, the first step in the delegate selection process, are to be held on June 19. If you don't get involved, no one else will.

Five days of voter registration are left before the May 7 primary. You can register Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Municipal Building. Registration will also be at the Carrboro Town Hall Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gary Fulton

Television previews: next year's rage

Hello. This is crack investigator Jerk Anderson, with another sensational story that tells you more than you care to know.

Reliable sources in Hollywood have told me that television executives from all three networks have been meeting in secret this week to plan next year's assault on America's intelligence. A secret memo has come into this reporter's possession, and it outlines some of the new shows that will appear next fall. As usual, the emphasis will be on originality and good taste. Here is a partial list of the proposed schedule.

SUNDAY:
Sappie's Way—A typical American family moves into a typical American town and solves its typical problems typically. Typically vacuous dialogue, with plenty of typically banal philosophy.

The I.R.S.—A crime drama, focusing on the brave efforts of America's taxmen to screw the public. Emphasis on truth, justice and questionable deductions. Starring Ephram Zimbalist IV.

The Wonderful World of Smaltz—The epitome of unoffensive family entertainment. Opening episode will be the heartwarming story of a boy who befriends a lonely alligator after it eats his sister.

McClod—A bumbling Arizona deputy sheriff goes to New York City on special assignment, and demonstrates to the world why Arizona was one of the last states admitted to the Union.

MONDAY:
Gunshot—A new vehicle for Marshall Dillon. After 20 years, Dodge City has started to go downhill. Matt gets Kitty pregnant, Doc opens an abortion clinic and Festus moves in with a mule.

Veterinary Center—A spin-off on the medical show *Crazy*. A small-town veterinarian deals with the life and death problems of worms, distemper and finicky eating habits. Guest stars will include Lassie as a V.D. sufferer, and Mr. Ed as glue-sniffing addict.

The Cutesy Show—A fading comedienne shows her age and determination as she vows to go on with her career despite the tragic loss of her talent.

TUESDAY:
Idaho Six-O—Police drama to be shot on location in this exotic and little-known state. Emphasis will be

on the dullness and boredom of being a policeman in Idaho.

Unhappy Days—Cashing in on the nostalgia fad, this show will recreate the fabulous 60's, with all the exciting riots, the dramatic political suppression and plenty of happy memories about the romantic war years.

Zipperfly—A hip, black private eye demonstrates that race is no barrier to a lack of talent.

Makus Sickby, M.D.—A senile, meddling old doctor runs around trying to convince everyone that he really does know best.

The Dick & Pat Comedy Hour—A new husband and wife comedy team to replace Sonny and Cher. A famous president abandons politics to go into show business fulltime. The humor will revolve around making a joke of democracy. Contract calls for a four-year run, but who can tell.

Sanitation Story—Another show spotlighting a group of overworked and underpaid public servants. Central theme will be the magical way in which garbage men are transformed into sanitation engineers.

Kojerk—A Polish detective makes it perfectly clear to everyone why Polish jokes are so popular.

THURSDAY:
The Boy With Something Extra—All of America will be shocked when the show reveals what it is that this boy has two of.

The Faultons—Family show about how much fun it was during the Depression. Included are episodes on the scandalous lives of the idle poor. Lots of dopey dialogue and shallow, unbelievable characters.

Dumb-Fu—An oriental ignoramus who will chop and kick his way into your heart. For the armchair intellectuals, there is an abundance of didactic pseudo-philosophy. For the violence lovers, lots of broken bones and fancy footwork.

Ironlung—A detective, stricken with a respiratory disease, continues to solve all of San Francisco's crimes from the confines of his iron lung.

FRIDAY:
The Bratty Bunch—Another typical family show, about a household overrun with little snotty-nosed

Letter petitions Housing office about rent rise

To the editors:
Whereas Winston has been a men's dorm for two years and is now coed for the first year; and

Whereas women comprise only 26 per cent of the present dorm population and no change in composition is planned; and

Whereas the facilities in Winston by no means approximate those of a woman's dorm; and

Whereas the increase in room rent is an immediate 29 per cent of the present coed rates; and

Whereas no one was informed of the increase until the night before signup;

We the residents of Winston protest this arbitrary University decision and strongly recommend that Housing reconsider our new classification and revert our rates to the previous coed rate.

Paul Williams
President of Winston Dorm
and 52 signed residents of Winston Dorm

Jesse Helms for philosopher-king

Please listen, Jesse Helms is speaking again.

As streaking is still going strong, and since we all know it reflects a basic change in our morality, Helms had this to say in his most recent newspaper column:

"I, for one, don't think there's anything funny about the so-called 'streaking' fad. It's something far more serious than youthful frivolity. In my judgment, college authorities ought to take all the naked students into

custody and herd them into a football stadium, under guard — and then require them to spend the night, naked, until their mothers come and request their release. It might be useful to hose down the 'streakers' with cold water every fifteen or twenty minutes."

Right. Because of his judgment and wisdom in coming up with a real solution, because of his sense of timeliness, and because he is above it all, we commend Mr. Helms. Jesse Helms for philosopher-king.



"NOW, WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE TOO SUCCESSFUL, ARE WE?"

bastards.
Come—A young N.Y.C. detective disguises himself as various sick people in order to root out Medicare corruption in the city's old-age homes.

The \$25 Man—A part-time inventor builds a mechanical man out of scrap iron, a man with the strength of Hercules and the mentality of a fish. A sure-fire favorite with science fiction fans and intelligent vegetables.

The Odd Trio—Strange love triangle involving an interior decorator, a hair dresser and a St. Bernard.

SATURDAY:
The Turkey Family—Just like the others in the "dumb family" category, only more so.

M.O.S.H.—For Mobile Oral Surgery Hospital. The antics of war-time dentists as they labor under unusual and trying circumstances to pull teeth, fill cavities and maintain proper dental hygiene in the field.

The Bob Oldhart Show—Washed-up comic sleepwalks his way through another comeback attempt.

Dead Celebrity Bowling—Combines the popular bowling format with the current occult fad, as famous people like Humphrey Bogart, George Washington and Atilla the Hun are brought back to life by a famous spiritualist to roll for prizes for people in the studio audience. Predicted to be the biggest hit of the year.

Well, you read it here first, folks, and don't say I didn't warn you. This is Jerk Anderson, saying, "Go fink on a friend."

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