Quarry closed after complaints

by Elliott Potter Staff Writer

The rock quarry in Pittsboro was once a haven for soaking up suds and sun. But seeking thrills and chills at the quarry can be hazardous-to your safety and possibly your freedom.

The American Stone Co., owner of the quarry, posted the popular area with "no trespassing" signs July 26, and the Chatham County Sheriff's Department began making arrests for criminal trespassing. Chief Deputy W. C. Willet said over 100 arrests have been made since the enforcement of trespassing violations began.

Until July 26, the American Stone Co. had tolerated the trespassers who came to the scenic spot. The high cliffs at the quarry became a paradise for divers who ignored the perils of the rock cliffs and a refuge for the uninhibited symbather.

American Stone Co. President Richard Batum said, "We were asked by the Chatham County Commissioners to allow the sheriff's department to enforce the trespassing laws because of complaints by neighbors and we consented."

The neighbors had complained about the noise and the crowds that the quarry had drawn.

About 30 arrests were made the initial day of enforcement, including two UNC nursing students who were visiting the quarry on assignment from their instructor. Charges of criminal trespassing against the two students, who were in uniform at the time of their arrest, were later dropped by the district attorney's office.

"After that initial wave of arrests, the number of violations has dropped off sharply," Batum said. He added that other potential violaters probably have been discouraged by the cooler weather.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Tom Fulton said, "There is a real need to urge students not to go out to the quarry. Arrests are being made, and the cases are being prosecuted." Most violators arrested at the quarry plead that they were only swimming at

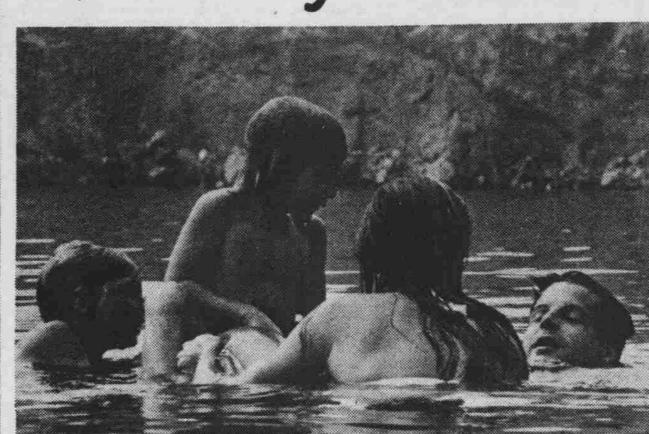
Fulton said that their unauthorized presence at the quarry constituted trespassing.

Criminal trespassing is a misdemeanor and is punishable by a maximum of two years imprisonment, a fine or both. The penalty for most cases of trespassing at the rock quarry has been payment of court costs.

The quarry, which is located 14 miles south of Chapel Hill, is leased by the American Stone Co. from Bland and Lawrence Moore of Bynum, N.C. Operations at the site have been closed for two years because of a drop in the demand for rock. Batum said that the company plans to have the quarry patrolled by a watchman by spring.

Batum said he was aware of the popularity of the quarry. "If we can work things out with the neighbors, the commissioners and the people that go there, I would be interested in seeing people continue to get enjoyment out of the quarry," he said.

Batum said he had been approached by a few students who were interested in keeping the quarry open. "Nobody with any experience in recreation has come to me with finite plans," he





Pittsboro rock quarry

The Pittsboro rock quarry has been closed to swimmers and divers because it is a safety hazard. More than 100 arrests have been made for criminal trespassing here.

Labor commission candidate

Brooks charges incompetence

by Julie Knight Staff Writer

Democratic candidate for N.C. Labor Commissioner, John C. Brooks Tuesday charged the state labor department with failing to meet its responsibilities during speeches before the UNC Young Democrats Club and law students.

"The emphasis of the Department of ... Labor for over 30 years than been the administer the safety provisions of the industrial work place. While this is an'

important function, it is hardly the exclusive responsibility of the department," Brooks

Brooks, a Raleigh lawyer, defeated Jessie Rae Scott in the democratic run-off earlier this month and will challenge incumbent T. Avery Nye in the Nov. 2 general election. "Overall, I think the commissioner of

labor, instead of being introverted and primarily giving attention to internal operations of the Department of Labor, ought to look out to see how our programs the in (with other state programs)," Brooks

He said the labor department could take initiatives and coordinate the state's executive branch 1 improve North Carolina's economic situation. "We should be promoting the formulation of a state coordinated economic policy.

"Statewide, we ought to have as our first goal the seeking of industry that employs skilled and semi-skilled workers," he said, adding that such industry provides higher wages. Brooks said the second goal should be to improve vocational training programs.

Noting that North Carolina's hourly industrial wage ranks 49th nationally, Brooks said, "The kind of industry we are trying to attract today will not improve that

The product of the state's laborers today is the product of unskilled laborers, Brooks said. "Industry that employs skilled and semi-skilled labor doesn't come to North Carolina because we have the largest unskilled labor force in America."

Brooks said correcting the situation would hinge on the expansion of vocational education. He added, "This will do a lot for the state in addition to just economics."

Brooks said he has found that "the real reason for crime is economic destitution. The fundamental anti-crime program we should have in North Carolina is the provision of jobs and the provision of skills that will command those jobs.

"We need to work hand-in-glove with the technical institutes in expanding that kind of

Brooks also proposed the formulation of "economically realistic" programs to reduce the occurrence of brown lung and other occupational diseases.

"Occupational disease in North Carolina is a big problem. Over one half of the textile workers in the state today suffer from some degree of brown lung." Brooks said the labor department is doing nothing to develop programs aimed at reducing occupational

Although the labor department has had the sole responsibility for administering the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) for almost four years, Brooks said that he does not think that the state is administering the health standards

Brooks said that the department attempts to administer the safety regulations with

only seven employees. "Seven people can hardly see that all the health regulations of this state with respect to the workers are, in fact, implemented; and that the minimum standards are complied with. And, of course, they are not," Brooks

An example of the inadequacy of the administration of health regulations is that of the inspection of migrant labor camps, an OSHA requirement.

Brooks quoted Nye as saying that at best the department can inspect only seven per cent of the state's migrant labor camps each

Brooks said the migrant labor camps ought to be inspected every year, and occupation of camps prohibited until

minimum health requirements are met. Brooks said the department should promote and practice equal employment opportunity. He cited as evidence the fact that only seven blacks are employed in a department of about 240 persons.

Coin laundries operate weekends only; Condie cites lower water consumption

by Tony Gunn Staff Writer

Laundry facilities in residence halls are operating only Saturdays and Sundays, according to the Department of University

Call-office service, to which students bring in their laundry to be done, will resume

In a Sept. 16 memorandum to department staff, Director of University Housing James D. Condie said the ruling is an effort "to promote fuller awareness of our continuing crisis and to affect, if possible, greater water

Coin-op laundry service will operate from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on weekends, until further notice.

The order went into effect Monday. Despite the rain iast week, the memorandum noted, residents must still make an effort to conserve water. "Measures taken to date in Housing have helped the community to keep the consumption level encouragingly low. We cannot do less until more significant rainfall occurs," the Condie could not be reached for further

"It was a surprise to me," John L. Roth, general manager of the Laundry Department, said. "I think it surprised a lot

"We have prevailed upon Housing to have student agents in the office to accept laundry," Roth said.

There remains a weekday ban on coin-op service, however. "When there is water, we will open them up again," Roth said.

'Man on the hall!'

Parker women retain escort policy

by Karen Millers Staff Writer

While many dormitories have relaxed visitation policies in recent years, residents of Parker dormitory voted Tuesday to retain an escort policy. This requires all male visitors to have a female escort on balconies and in suites. The margin of the vote was slim, 73 to

54, and many residents held strong opinions for and against the policy, according to Nell Smith, Parker dormitory president.

Smith said both sides aired their views at a house meeting last month. At that time, the women decided to institute whichever policy won on a monthly trial

basis. The escort policy passed, 88 to 43. Following the vote Tuesday, residents expressed both dissatisfaction and relief.

"I'm very disappointed that Parker girls felt they needed the escort policy," Em Williams, a sophomore from Lenoir, said. "No-escort has worked in

Water consumption

Total consumption for Tuesday 4.6 million gallons From University Lake 2.3 million gallons From Durham 2.3 million gallons Level of University Lake

down 60.5 inches

other dorms, and I don't see why it shouldn't work here."

Williams was chiefly concerned with inconvenience, since she lives on third

"Anytime anybody comes to see us,

that's four times up and down the stairs," she said. "It's just a pain for us." Supporters of the escort policy said protection from unescorted males outweighs the inconvenience.

"It's no trouble for me to go down two flights of stairs if someone wants to see me," Robin Armstrong, a sophomore from Charlotte, said.

Armstrong said Parker residents are isolated, unlike women in coed dorms who have men nearby whom they can count on for protection.

"That's not saying we're inferior," she said. "It's just that as women we're at a disadvantage to protect ourselves." Lynn Welborn, a senior from Ronda,

added that the chance of rapes and thefts would increase if men were allowed to enter the dorm freely.

Joan Bishop, a senior from New Bern, said the danger would not be that great. "It's more realistic," she said. "There won't be an escort system in apartment

complexes girls move into when they leave here." Williams also said she didn't see increased danger as a problem.

"If we really believed it was going to be a danger, we wouldn't be for it. We wouldn't want to put other people in jeopardy," she said.

Missy Payne, a sophomore from Reidsville, said she thought many freshmen were unnecessarily frightened

by discussion of rape and theft. "It scared me last year," she said. "I voted for it then for the simple reason that I was scared I'd get raped."

Bishop said the safety question is a battle people have between security and independence. She said she preferred the independence.

Armstrong said, "I want the protection-to heck with the freedom." Supporters of no-escort also expressed concern over male reaction to Parker's policy.

"A lot of guys will not come to Parker because of the escort policy," Bishop said. "It would be a personal affront to me if I were a guy to think that girls were afraid I'd rape them or take things from them."

Williams said references by males to Parker as "Parker Prison" and "Parker Pen" bothered her.

Welborn said she had never heard a guy complain about the policy. "If they won't come here because of

the escort policy, they must not want to

see you very badly," she said. In the past, Parker's escort policy has passed with little opposition, according to Smith. She said the issue was more controversial this year because many new people had moved into the dorm and other who have been dissatisfied with the policy finally voiced their opinions.

James, Craige, and Joyner dormitories among others. "It seems to be working out okay," Debbie Vause, assistant resident director of Cobb and Joyner, said. Since the water shortage, Cobb machines have been closed. "Most people have been taking their clothes home on weekends."

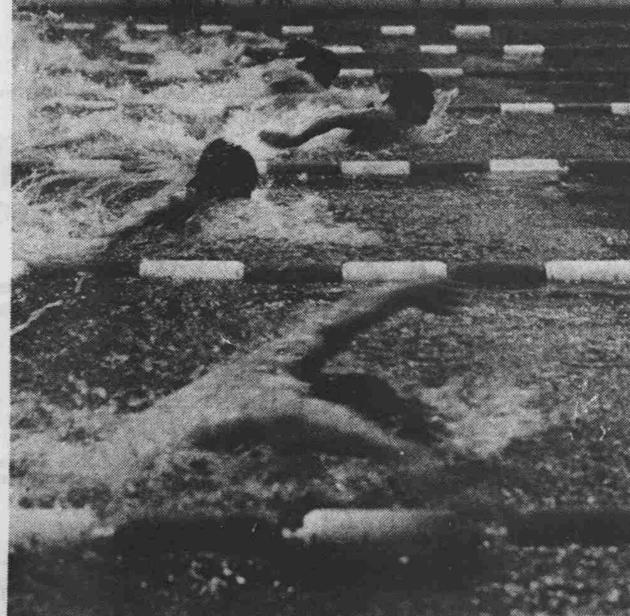
Coin-op service has been available this

semester in Avery, Ehringhaus, Morrison,

Both the University laundry and the Joyner machines are open during the weekend. "It's an inconvenience during the week. Students realize it's something they

have to do to conserve water," Vause said. Ellen Matthews, fourth floor RA in Connor, said, "I think it's a good idea." Like Joyner, the facilities in Henderson Residence College had been cut off. Now

"I think it will conserve a lot of water," she



Bowman Gray Pool might serve the students and swim team again. An official study completed this week stated that town water might not be needed to reopen the pool.

Pool use possible

Physical Education Department members completed this week an unofficial study on the effects that reopening Bowman Gray Pool in Woollen Gym would have on the town's water supply, according to swim team

Plans to petition Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor to reopen the pool are still under way although Carrow said he was unsure when the petition would be presented to Taylor. Carrow estimated that more than 2,000 students have signed the petition.

The study was completed to clear up recent controversy over whether town water would have to be used to backwash the pool's filters. According to varsity swim team coach Jim Wood, backwashing can be done without using town water.

"There is water in the outdoor pool, it has only gone down two feet since the pool has been closed, and this water can be used to replace what the indoor pool uses for backwashing," Wood said.

Before the drought, water for backwashing was taken from the town's water supply. Wood said that he thinks there is enough water in the outdoor pool to last

two or three months.