



4-16-1972

## The Fixer, April 16, 1972

Madison College Press (Free)

Follow this and additional works at: <http://commons.lib.jmu.edu/fixer>

---

### Custom Citation

The Fixer, April 16, 1972. Harrisonburg (Va.): Madison College Press (Free).

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the JMU Special Collections at JMU Scholarly Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Fixer, 1969-1973 by an authorized administrator of JMU Scholarly Commons. For more information, please contact [dc\\_admin@jmu.edu](mailto:dc_admin@jmu.edu).



Mr. Palmer

Vol. 3  
No. 20



April 16-22  
Vol. 3, No. 20

THE PALMER  
WED.  
APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm  
WILSON AUDITORIUM  
MASS STUDENT MEETING



PURPOSE:

To express the desires of a number of **students** to the administration in a manner that circumvents the established procedures of the S.G.A. and Inter-Dorm council, which have proved themselves to be ineffective and **non-responsive** in the past.

To motivate the student body to take action to overcome the dictatorial and repressive rules and regulations under which we live.

We are not demanding anything, but merely asking **WHY** and **WHY NOT**. We ask that you, the students, get concerned about the way we have to live and help us do something about it.

The purpose of the mass meeting on Wednesday is two fold: It is an effort to get President Carrier and/or Dean Fox to explain certain things to the student body as a whole. Also we will explain what has been requested and accept suggestions from the students, as it is you that we represent.

We would like answers to and action on the following:

1. Is it true that the dorm rooms are checked during vacations for other than maintenance reasons? If so, for what reason and why aren't the residents told?
2. If the dorm wants it, why can't we have open house during the week?
3. Will all the dorms be granted autonomy? Also, a complete definition of autonomy and of standard and modified **dorm** concepts.
4. What valid reasons are there for requiring freshmen and sophomores to live on campus?
5. We see no reason why we can't implement 24hr. dating and study lounges **NOW**.
6. Can the hours of the Student Union and Library be extended next year as there will be no curfew?
7. Can we start an experimental co-ed dorm?
8. What is the story behind the rumor that RAs and House Mothers fill out confidential reports on students that go on their permanent records? These people are not qualified to make influential judgements about students.
9. We would like the general social policies for next year to be made public before contracts for rooms on and off campus are signed; all loopholes and weak points should be cleared up now.
10. We feel that house mothers (as the system now stands) serve a more detrimental than constructive function. Head Residents, as in mens' dorms, graduate students, or married couples, could perform a more meaningful and relative function and we would like to have these new ideas experimented with.
11. If curfews are to be phased out next year, **WHY NOT NOW??**
12. Why can't students keep refrigerators in their rooms or suites?
13. Eliminate bureaucratic red-tape in getting things done!
14. Re-evaluate basic studies **NOW!**

SGA Senate meeting in

HB 3 - 7 p.m. - Wed -

April 19, 1972 - All are invited + encouraged to attend

Inter-dorm Council meeting

Monday - 10 p.m. - SGA office

All invited! Go ask these people why-in-the-hell they don't do anything.



## DON'T BE 'FOX'ED BY THE ADMINISTRATION

The student committee that was formed spontaneously last Tuesday night to propose change in the social regulations of this school is working in the interest of the entire student body. But out of the 35 people who initiated it, only 4 were women. For the purpose of that meeting 4 was adequate, but we only represented you and we cannot continue to speak for over 3,000 students.

This student committee (for lack of an organizational name) is trying to promote student interest and get things done that we all have been bitching about but don't know what to do to change them.

But in order for it to represent the students it has to have student support. WOMEN, since you are in the majority here that means that your support is imperative. I have heard that girls on this campus haven't got the brains to get off their asses, stop talking and do something about the puritanical atmosphere of this college. Are you going to support this idea or the students who are trying to help you? It took a men's dorm to change a rule (the change is applicable only in their dorm to date) that has effected US since this college began. Now it is long overdue for the women to start by attending the student meetings that will be announced.

IF you understand Resolution #24 and are satisfied with the social regulations now in effect don't attend. IF you realize that they can be changed if you take the time and effort but don't care enough to put forth a little of both—then go back to doing your nails. IF you are willing to wait until next year, when it's too late to do anything, to find out what the regulations will be—then maybe what they say about us is right!! IF you think someone else will do it for you—you are wrong.

But if you care, you want answers as well as changes, and you are just generally pissed off—then please attend. We need your support—this effort is for YOU, women, as well as for the men. I welcome all help, questions, and suggestions. If you receive literature concerning this please read it, you will not regret it.

Sherry Cox  
Box 753

Transcendental Meditation Lecture  
Jackson 1 - Wed. 19 at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 20 - - ROTC  
Recruiter at Placement Center  
BOYCOTT IT !!!!

## IMPRESSIONS

A. Most students don't appear to be very interested one way or the other about the open dorm issue.

B. There appear to be approximately 6 main vanguards among the men who are really pushing for dorm reform (based on first hand observation of the basis of who speaks at the meetings, who the questions are directed at—which tells me who the students think the leaders are, who appears to be very knowledgeable about what's going on, and who talks to Dean Fox.). I think these are all very good indicators of who has assumed leadership. This is not denying the fact that there are many other intensely concerned men who actively support it— but these must be differentiated from the ones who are assuming the responsibilities of finding out information, and then talking to the administration, thus presenting the views of the group to the people who are available to produce change and effect change.

C. The apathetic attitude is most common among the girls on campus.

D. This is shown by the fact that there are only about 3 or 4 girls actively involved.

E. Few people are fully informed on all areas of the open dorm issue.

These are all personal impressions based upon my personal observations. There are many who could challenge or disagree with them. Fortunately, on most issues my views seldom coincide with the views of most of the students of Madison.

Joyce McNeely



"... you're acting  
like children ..."



# OPEN DORM PETITION

Some of you, especially those of you who signed it, are probably wondering what happened to the Open Dorm Petition. Well, it was finally turned in to the SGA. Wed. night. It wasn't due to negligence that it wasn't turned in sooner but rather we thought it best to turn it over to the new SGA in order to make sure that it didn't end up in the trash can as it might well have done under the old do-nothing SGA. We have hopes that this SGA will prove to be more interested in the students.

Also many people were wondering how successful the petition was. A total of 2,201 people signed the petition. This number grows significantly when one considers that about 90% of the seniors did not sign the petition, and most day students did not even see it. Looking at the results it is obvious that the majority of dorm residents are very much interested in a new policy regarding open dorms. Such a policy would have to be based on individual dorm determination (as the petition suggests.) The petition is before the SGA and The Fixer will keep you informed on it's progress along with other information dealing with the same subject.

A Petitioner



Refrigerator--Delmontico, 8 cubic feet, with plenty of freezer space. Only 6 months and in great condition. \$130

Stereo--RCA, solid state set, two 9 in. speakers, only 6 months old, in good condition, diamond needle. Retail for \$100, will sell for \$50.

Call Jay, 5116 or Danny, 4910.

## LIPTON REPORT

Last week one of our staff mentioned that we would print the entire report of the Faculty Grievance Committee, which found that Dr. Lipton had been fired without just cause and should be offered a new contract. Objections to our publication of the report have been made. We are now reconsidering our position. Anyone (student, teacher, administration) who wishes to make their opinions known to us is encouraged to attend our Tuesday meeting (Jackson 107, 6pm) or write to us at Box 4255. We want to know how you feel about it.

the staff collective

## STANDARD, MODIFIED, BUT WHY NOT LIBERAL?

Recently in the girl's dorms (and maybe soon in the men's) a form was passed around asking the girls to select the type of dorm they wished to live in--standard or modified. This is a real step to beginning individualized dorms, resident halls where people would know what they were getting into. It is good for all people because now those who are hassled by the noise and confusion of Open Dorms can live in an environment free from this and those who do want Open Dorms can no longer be harassed out of having them with the pretense of disturbing others. Still, though it is a step in the right direction, it appears to be more of a half-step with no real choice being offered. Standard dorms are dorms that have the normal school social rules which will include (by next year) alcohol in the room and no curfew for the girls. Modified dorms are those with no open dorms (ever?) and no alcohol. I would like to suggest a third choice--the liberal dorm. This could be a dorm which would have things like 7 day open dorms and perhaps 24 hour open dorms on weekends (sounds so radical for Madison, but it is happening on the majority of college campuses, even those in Va.) The National and State governments have already recognized that 18 year olds are mature enough to vote for the President and Governor, and Va. has even made 18 the legal age for majority. If the Nation and State recognize our maturity why won't the college. To make it even better for the college the liberal dorm could be run on a parental permission basis. This would protect the college from irate parents. I am sure that there are a few people on this campus whose parents trust them and believe them to be mature and responsible enough to handle such a dorm situation. This seems so simple, something for the students who wish to live without hassles (and parental approval) and being responsible for themselves, which is supposedly what college is all about. And it also has an escape clause for the college. Why couldn't it work? I would appreciate any comments from students and especially from the Administration via The Fixer.

A Mature Responsible Adult  
(Student)

KICK THE SCHOOL OUT OF HOUSING