

USC rules less strict than 25 years ago

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Imagine being at a school with a midnight curfew and not being allowed to go anywhere at night without an escort. Your room is subject to inspection and you must get permission to leave the campus. No, it's not a military academy or a religious college. This is how USC women lived 25 years ago.

These rules and others were outlined in the 1966-67 Carolina Coed Code, a manual for on-campus women students. The Coed Code was assembled by the Association of Women Students to "insure the safety and welfare of each woman student and to guide her in maintaining a high standard of conduct."

The Coed Code regulated virtu-

ally every aspect of student behavior, from attire to keeping rooms clean. Men weren't allowed to visit women's halls if they had on shorts. There was a daily schedule for lobby visitation in male halls, and women had to wear "school clothes or afternoon dresses."

According to the Coed Code, "Carolina women are expected to dress appropriately and neatly at all times." Women were prohibited from wearing shorts or slacks on campus or in town. Hair rollers were banned from the lobby, and if a student was going to the sun deck, she had to wear a coat over her bathing suit.

The Coed Code's rules extended past campus boundaries. If a student wanted to attend a houseparty,

her parents had to give written permission to the Residence Hall Director detailing where the party was, how long the student would be gone and the names of the chaperons.

First-semester freshmen couldn't go away on the weekends for the first three weeks of school. If an upperclassman wanted to spend the weekend off campus, her weekend hostess had to contact the student's hostess, or resident advisor, to be signed out. The student could be spot-checked by her hostess during the weekend.

According to the Coed Code, "Women of Carolina are not allowed to stay in motels or hotels in the Columbia area." Women were also prohibited from staying

overnight in a single woman's apartment.

Seniors who were 21 years old and "in good academic and social standing" could request permission to move off campus, if they had their parents' permission. Off-campus women were expected to be members of the Town Girls' Association and responsible for following the rules set up for other women students.

"Those rules eliminated all the opportunities to mature that are supposed to come with being in college," said Patterson Hall resident advisor Dionne Ray.

"There's a difference between guiding and controlling," Ray said. "I think those rules were controlling."

Brown excites Coliseum crowd

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Bobby Brown brought his high-energy show to the Coliseum this past Thursday, exciting many concert-goers and leaving them with a lasting impression.

Joining Brown were opening acts TLC, Shabba Ranks, and Mary J. Blige. Many people said they were impressed with Brown's performance, while reaction to the other acts was mixed.

"Everybody gave a good show," senior Mimi Zimmermann said. "I especially liked Bobby Brown."

Zimmermann was pleased by many aspects of Brown's show. She especially enjoyed the dancers, the many costume changes, and the different sets Brown used. She was also happy with the way Brown mixed old and new songs, she said.

"It was definitely worth the money," Zimmermann said.

Sophomore Tammy Butler also liked the concert, although she was surprised the concert

was not sold out. She described the show as "upbeat" and "energetic."

"She has a lot of talent," Butler said of Blige's performance. She was not as impressed with TLC, whose voices she felt were not as strong as Blige's, or Shabba Ranks, whose lyrics she described as too "explicit" for her tastes.

Butler expressed a desire to see Brown and Blige again. "I would appreciate them doing a concert together."

Junior Hope Epps also enjoyed Blige's performance. She was pleased with the way Brown combined old and new songs.

"It made me see how old I am now compared to when he started," Epps said.

Sophomore Ateshia Middleton described the concert as "pretty good." She and her friends were also Blige fans and enjoyed her performance. Middleton appreciated the comedian that appeared between acts to relieve the wait.

Middleton also had a particular memory that stuck with her from the concert: "Bobby Brown and the heart-shaped bed!"

Junior high students plot to kill teacher

By The Associated Press

Two junior high school students in Lorain, Ohio, charged with plotting to kill a teacher may have felt pressured to try because classmates were betting on whether they would do it, police and school officials said Friday.

A school official thwarted the plan minutes before it was to be carried out.

"It's a bizarre case," said police Capt. Cel Rivera. "They say to this day they were going to kill her."

The two girls are 12 and 13.

Rivera said the 13-year-old, who allegedly planned to stab the English teacher while her 12-year-old friend restrained the teacher, told him she had no choice but to make good on the threat.

"She felt she had to do it because the other kids had put her on the spot," Rivera said.

By Wednesday, their classmates had bet about \$200 on the outcome, authorities said.

Henry Harsar, principal of 700-student Irving Junior High School in this blue-collar city about 30 miles west of Cleveland, said the alleged plot might have been classroom bragging that got out of hand.

"It could have been me," he said.

Names of the girls and the 46-year-old teacher were not released. Police and Harsar refused a reporter's request to interview the three.

Rivera said the girls hatched the plot Tuesday after the teacher scolded the 13-year-old for not paying attention in class.

Police said the 13-year-old told them she wanted to kill the teacher because the teacher yelled at her. The other girl said she didn't like the teacher because "she sends me

to the office all the time." Police said the girls planned to stab the teacher when the bell ending their class rang.

Assistant Principal Jacqueline Greenhill discovered the alleged plot when she questioned a student who was sobbing in a hall.

The student told Greenhill "a teacher is going to get hurt" and described the plan.

Greenhill went to the classroom about 10 minutes before the class ended and ordered the 13-year-old to her office. A 12-inch knife was found in the girl's book bag and police were called. Soon after, police questioned the 12-year-old.

The youths were being held in a juvenile detention center Friday, awaiting a juvenile court hearing. No date was set.

Authorities hadn't decided whether to seek to try the girls as

adults.

"The kids are getting out of control, skipping school and stuff like that," said Darlene Smith, 35, whose son attends Irving. She said he hadn't known anything about the alleged plot.

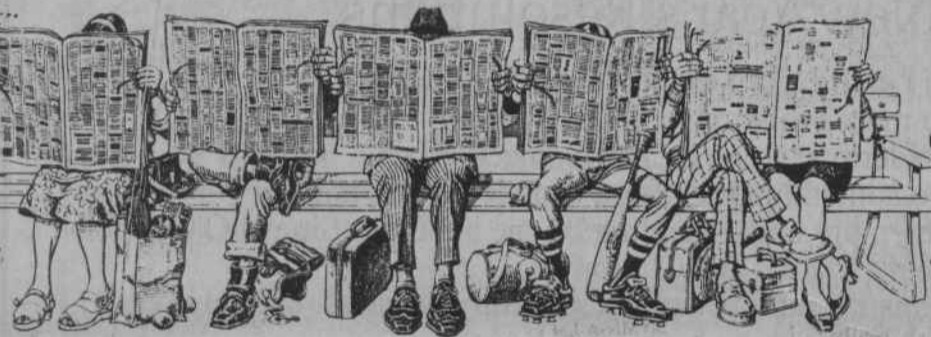
Michael Taylor, 32, who attended Irving, recently moved near the school but kept his sons in schools near their old home. He said the alleged murder plot would make him reconsider plans to have his sons attend Irving next year.

"It makes you wonder what society's coming to," Taylor said.

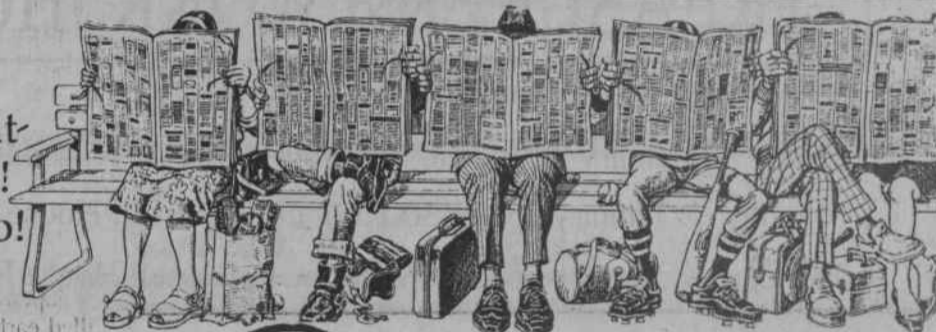
Greenhill said staff members and counselors met individually with students who sought guidance.

"If students are in a spot where they're crying, you want to go up to them and tell them, 'Everything's going to be all right,'" said Greenhill.

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