

Potential RA has mixed emotions about the position

I am a second semester advertising major at Behrend, and I am writing in response to the letter from Eric Bryant, which was published in the April 17 edition. Eric stated that he felt RAs were unnecessary in the apartments, for upperclassmen should have the opportunity to take care of their property and themselves without the "babysitters" the dorms have. I agree with you, Eric—perhaps apartment residents should be allowed more privacy and freedom from RAs. (Incidentally, I am speaking as a student who lives in the dorms.) However, I lost all respect for you and unfortunately your argument when you proceeded to say that one possible reason RAs are so anxious to bust parties is because they are 'jealous.' Your exact words were: "I mean, do you know a single RA who had a social life before he became an RA? I know a couple, but they were financially desperate."

Well, Eric, let me tell you this: I am currently enrolled in the RA training class, with the possibility of becoming an RA next year, and I have had more people say to me,

"I can't believe you want to be an RA" than you can count. Frankly, sometimes I can't believe it either. However, I am not considering the position as a means of making up for my lack of social

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life, as you suggested. In fact, I am still very hesitant about wanting to be an RA just for that reason. Believe it or not, my social life is going quite well, and I don't want to have to give any part of it up, including the partying, etc.

Also, with no attempt at trying to be modest, I am far from being 'financially desperate.' I will be attending Penn State next year, regardless of whether I hold an RA position or not, so rest assured, I am not in a 'desperate'

situation. My parents do, however, expect me to pay for half of the cost of my education, and I have the responsibility of finding ways to do that. Considering the RA position would cut the amount of money I will have to pay on my own in half, I do not think it is such a bad idea. I realize that I could get another student loan to finance my education, and will not be expected to pay it back until I graduate, but I have better plans for my money after college. It's either pay now or pay later—I might as well work to pay it now and get it over with.

In conclusion, I can say that if—and that is if—I should decide for sure to be an RA next year, I would not "hunt down" (Those are your words again, Eric) parties to bust, and I would not consider myself 'the enemy.' Yes, I would have to do my job on campus, and certain parts of it I'm not looking forward to, but as far as off-campus is concerned, my life is my own. You know, Eric, it's too bad you're graduating this year—come Fall, maybe we could have partied together!

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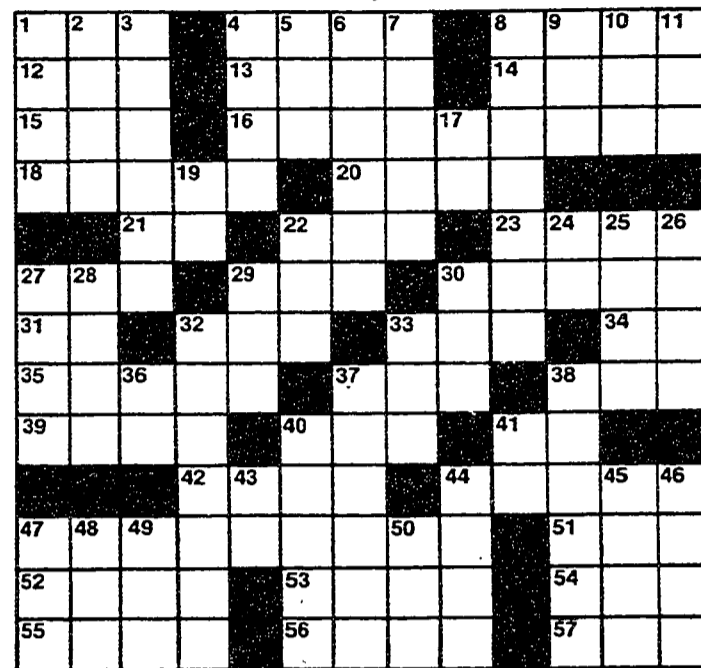
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ACROSS

1. Noah's boat
4. One who mimics
8. Funeral stand
12. Hawaiian necklace
13. Outer garment for women (India)
14. Leeward side
15. School of whales
16. Wanderers
18. Smell
20. Design with intricate figures
21. Never
22. Moist
23. Clinched hand
27. Though (Inf.)
29. Auricle
30. Windy
31. Exclamation
32. Pig pen
33. Slippery fish
34. Press service (abbr.)
35. Field of conflict
37. Tree
38. Time
39. Was (p.t.)
40. Black fluid
41. Ante meridiem (abbr.)
42. Direction
44. Drama set to music
47. Frightening
51. Neither
52. Unencumbered
53. Great lake
54. Condition of being (suf.)
55. Undesirable plant
56. Distance (pref.)
57. Female saint (abbr.)

DOWN

1. Aquatic plant
2. To the back
3. Japanese robe
4. Thin man dog
5. Equal
6. End of pencil
7. Bolt
8. Fateful
9. Capability of (suf.)
10. Ever (Poetic)
11. Point in law
17. Print measurement
19. Midwest state (abbr.)
22. Method; direction
24. Island (abbr.)
25. Adult male deer
26. Sort
27. Unfreeze
28. Rabbit
29. Greek 7th letter
30. Opal
32. Smirked
33. Large N. Amer. deer
36. Person who lives in (suf.)
37. All
38. Corrects
40. Very small island
41. News agency (abbr.)
43. Near
44. S-shaped, double curve
45. Base
46. _____ Johnson
47. Stitch
48. Prong of a fork (Scot.)
49. Indicates an enzyme (suf.)
50. None

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