

Ann Gondell likes filling an active role

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Mrs. Ann Gondell, a little-known personality, has filled an active role working as hostess for the Highacres' dormitory since 1971, the year the "house" opened. Few students know Mrs. "G" very well, but most recognize her as a friendly authority figure.

As a hostess, Mrs. Gondell is on duty in the dorm lobby every other night from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight. She acts as a watchperson, and makes rounds of the building several times through the evening. She is also available as a counselor, and describes herself as a good listener. She has "listened to many a tale of woe, from unhappy love affairs to family problems." Students often discuss current events with Mrs. G., and she noted the abortion issue and ERA as recently popular topics. Some students even use this willing listener as a "Guinea pig." She explains, "Many times they come in before they have a speech to give and have me listen to them. I thoroughly enjoy having them ask me for my opinion."

Mrs. Gondell also takes care of problems involving the physical aspects of the dormitory, such as contacting

the necessary maintenance men in the case of a plumbing leak. When health problems arise she contacts the nurse, or arranges for the student to be transported to the hospital if necessary.

Mrs. G. likes to think of herself as a disciplinarian, and she strives "to see that an atmosphere for studying prevails." She and her husband have given their five children college educations; consequently she understands the financial burden and hard work involved for students trying to earn degrees in their respective fields. "This is why I like to maintain a healthy behavior pattern conducive to study," she elaborated.

Though Mrs. Gondell takes her job seriously and is devoted to maintaining discipline, she doesn't want to

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be "the bad guy." She explained, "I wear shoes with heels that can be heard when I'm on rounds because I don't want anyone to think I'm sneaking up on them." In fact

the dorm residents can easily recognize the sound of Mrs. Gondell's walk. Mrs. G. commented that many students even call out to her to say "Hi, Mrs. G." as she passes their doors.

Mrs. G. went on to say, "If I had to compare the students revealed that disciplinary

problems have not been as great this year as in other years.

Since she began working in her present position, Mrs. Gondell has worked with six dorm coordinators, and she from ten years ago to the students of today, I would have to say that every year

they are getting better as far as manners and respect." She has enjoyed working with all of them.

In short, Mrs. Gondell's feelings about her job can be summarized in her statement: "My experience working here in the hall has been most gratifying."

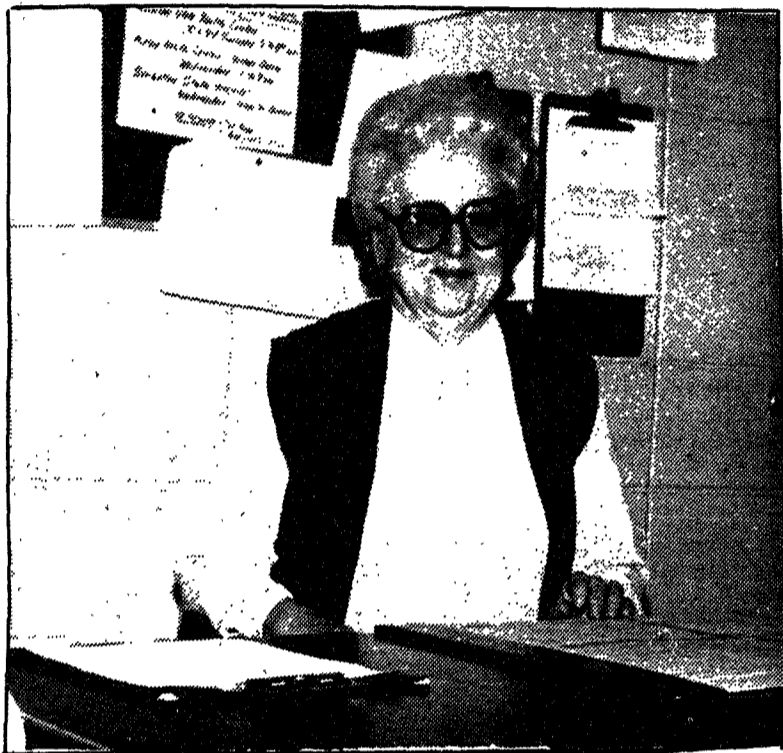


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Tobacco stains library

There is currently a problem on campus that involves several unknown students who have been chewing tobacco in the Highacres library. Richard Tyce, head librarian, told the *Collegian* that tobacco chewers are spitting and depositing wads of used tobacco in the library garbage cans, making extra work for night cleaning crews.

Tyce added that the spitting is causing splash marks on the walls and shelves throughout the library.

Under the Pennsylvania

Public Health Law prohibits chewing and spitting of tobacco in public buildings. Mr. Paul Cerula, business manager on campus, stated that tobacco spitting is actually a criminal offense and any violators will be cited.

Another noticeable problem in the library is the stains on rugs and furniture due to students carrying food and drinks in the library. The administration and the head librarian are currently discussing what should be done about this practice.

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