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Housing Ratio Not So Unfair

One of the chief complaints registered against the College's new emergency housing plan is that the three-to-one ratio of freshmen to upperclassmen in the new dorms is unfair to the upperclassmen.

Critics of the College's program point out that this year 1000 freshmen and 600 upperclassmen were housed in the West Dorm area. That is a ratio of one and two-thirds-to-one. Why the shift to a three-to-one ratio then?

Let's look at the facts. With 700 rooms in the West Dorm area being turned over to women next year, only 900 rooms are available for men. On the other hand, the College is expecting some 1600 freshmen men on campus this fall. It could have easily said that all of the rooms in the West Dorms should be set aside for the frosh.

And the College could have made that decision stick. Last year when the College announced that all the rooms in the West Dorm would be for freshmen, a great howl ensued and the College gave in. Since only 1000 freshmen men had been accepted, there was room for 600 upperclassmen.

This year, however, the College could fill the available space in the West Dorms twice again with freshmen and still have some of the yearlings left over.

Instead, however, the College has set aside 225 rooms in the West Dorms for upperclassmen. In view of the fact that the trustees intended the dorms for freshmen, the allowance of 225 upperclassmen should be considered a concession.

Was Senior Gift Shuffle Legal?

Wednesday's announcement by the senior class gift committee that \$2000 of the \$8000 senior gift was being diverted to a scholarship fund caused a bit of puzzlement in some circles.

The puzzlement was most prevalent among those who know that a senior gift is not supposed to be split among two selections.

One of the chief reasons for the ballot that was used in the selection of the gift by the senior class was its versatility. With the preferential-type ballot, the money could be diverted to the second choice if the number one choice of the seniors was not deemed practical or possible.

A check with the All-College Cabinet radio committee uncovered the fact that the group knows nothing of the decision to divert \$2000 of the gift from the proposed campus station. All the money in the class gift could be used by the station.

What authority the senior class gift committee had for changing the beneficiary of part of the money is not clear. It is doubtful that the gift committee has the power to decide for the re-distribution of any part of a gift that the class as a whole decided to allocate to a particular project.

If a memorial to Don MacIntire is what is desired, why couldn't the proceeds of the Spring Week carnival be set up as a memorial loan fund?

The radio station can use and use well all of the senior gift money. Why should part of the money be diverted to another project upon no authority other than the committee?

—Bud Fenton

AIM Action Is A Vindication

Although we commented last week that the charges of political influence in the recent Association of Independent Men elections seemed to have been discredited, Joseph Galati, co-author of the fairy-tale, apparently failed to see it our way and took his song and dance before the AIM Board of Governors Wednesday night.

Evidently the Board of Governors feels the same as we do about it, Galati asked for an investigation of his charges. The board turned thumbs down on this proposal and unanimously gave a vote of confidence to the men accused by Galati and Weston Tomlinson.

That Galati's so-called "evidence" was nothing more than hearsay and only circumstantial in nature was obvious to us last week when he first made it public. Galati's case Wednesday night was almost laughable.

It would have been a laughing matter had not the names and reputations of various individuals been damaged in the process.

Most students must have realized the folly of Galati's charges, but if there was any doubt that they were unfounded, AIM took care of that Wednesday night. AIM's action is a vindication for those falsely accused by Galati and Tomlinson.

Bucs Make Grade

The Collegian yesterday did something nobody else could have ever done: it put the Pittsburgh Pirates into first place in the American League, right above the World Champion New York Yankees.

What happened was that the line in the National League standings for the Pirates somehow slipped down out of last place in the senior circuit and landed, kerplunk, smack on top of the Yankees.

More than likely, it was a "printer's mistake," but it is just possible that somewhere on this campus is a Pirate fan and that person slipped into the print shop and did his dirty work.

We shall hold an investigation. "Rosie" will be called in. He should know something about it.

Family Spat

NEWTON, Ia.—(AP)—A Newton man who drove his car through the family house trailer because he was mad at his wife, wound up with a 30-day jail term.

Glen Guthrie, 24, pleaded guilty to assault and battery in connection with his fit of temper, County Attorney Arnold Myhra reported today.

Myhra said the couple got into a spat during which Guthrie struck his wife. She then left the Guthrie trailer home and went with their small son to a neighbor's house.

Guthrie got into his car and rammed broadside into the trailer. When the car came to a halt the grill was sticking out of one side of the trailer and its rear bumper from the other side. The trailer and most of its contents, including a new refrigerator, were wrecked.

"We had to charge him with assault and battery for striking his wife," Myhra said. "There's nothing in the law to prohibit a man from driving his car through his own home if he wants to."

At last we've heard of the real man, one who doesn't put the material things first. It's what a man really believes in that is important.

If a man gets rightfully angry at his wife, why not drive his car through his home? If a student doesn't like what goes on at school, why not drive through Old Main with a truck? Forget your inhibitions! —B. F.

Gazette . . .

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Koppers Company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., M.E., C.E. Monday 28.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

For information concerning the following jobs, applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.

Positions open to summer students for work in the Snack Bar; remuneration in meals.

Positions now and through the summer at local diner for countermen.

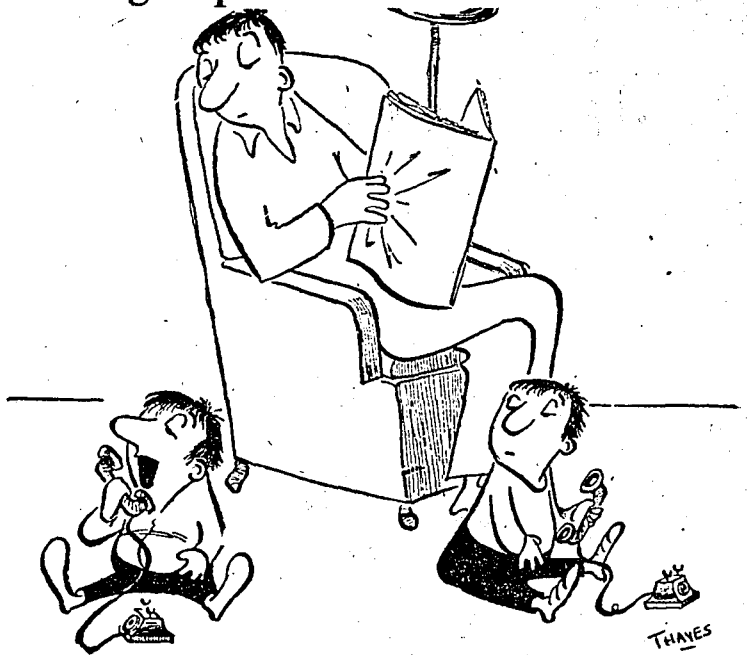
Summer opportunity for male "combo" of three (over 21); also short order cook, boatmen with motor know-how; janitor for resort in Poconos; to start as soon as possible; excellent arrangement.

Summer opportunities for women counselors; waterfront, athletics; camps located near Reading and Pittsburgh.

Camp Scenic, Eaquette Lake N.Y., needs male swimming instructor; 8 weeks season, \$200 plus board and lodging. Students desiring work who will be attending classes this summer are asked to register now with the employment office.

Man for photographic dark room; evening hours part-time; to begin as soon as possible.

Roving Reporter



"I said, what God hath wrought!"

Interpreting The News

Peace Rumors Not Concrete

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As United Nations forces regain the initiative in Korea the New York headquarters is buzzing with talk of peace and rumors of Russian feelers, but there is no slightest evidence of anything concrete.

One little incident about three weeks ago, which had no touch of the official about it, may have provided the basis for a lot of the talk which has been going on both at the UN and in Washington.

This talk evidently prompted Secretary Acheson's statement, with subsequent backing from the President, that he knew of no overtures.

Somebody without official standing in Russia wrote to a friend, who turned the letter over to the foreign office of a non-belligerent country, suggesting that Russia and the UN allies should start peace talks.

The Russians at the UN, who enjoy seeing these little bypasses, merely said "no comment," a device which frequently serves to heighten speculation.

Letter Came

The letter did come to the UN to the Good Offices committee, but constant inquiry has failed to produce anyone who takes it seriously.

There is an air of expectancy around the UN, probably based on the often-expressed hope of Washington officials that a Chinese defeat in their spring offensive would create a situation in which negotiation would be possible. But there is not the slightest indication that either side has made a move.

The next few days may, of course, give us some evidence on which to base an evaluation of the whole Washington idea that

China might become convinced of the futility of its war effort and be willing to stop it.

Much will depend, of course, upon Russian-Chinese reasons for continuing the war after North Korean forces were defeated. If China's main incentive was the clearing of Allied troops from Korea, then she might give it up as a bad job. But if, as seems more likely, the broad Communist intention is now to keep the United States tied up in Korea and thereby weaken her hand elsewhere, the Communist leaders, Russian and Chinese, will not worry overmuch about their battle casualties.

It would not seem reasonable from the Russian standpoint to relieve pressure on the Allies in Korea now, for instance, while Britain and the United States are trying to stabilize their position in Iran.

People Believe

Some people cling to the belief that China is capable of some autonomy in the matter; that Peiping might not be willing to carry on merely for the sake of broad Russian policy. But that seems to be a rather tenuous hope. Peiping broadcasts are just as belligerent as ever. They have just promised to make the United Nations sorry for the new arms embargo. And there is no real evidence that the Peiping regime has any more freedom of action than do Russia's satellites in Eastern Europe.

Chimp Goes Wild On Motorbike

You may have suspected that some accidents are caused by monkey business. But it remained for Alice, a trained chimpanzee, to clinch it. Riding her motor scooter before an enthusiastic crowd

at the St. Louis zoo, Alice became so giddy with applause that she zipped off the stage in a showy exit, ran down trainer William Rogers and banged him up, but good.

This just goes to prove something or other; possibly that the

showoff is a poor insurance risk when driving a car. It's not the best policy in the world to let the girl friend's ooo's and ah's influence the hot-rodding. Let's not ape the chimp and make monkeys out of ourselves.

—P. P.

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