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## Why Town Independents Look Unfed

The opening of the Terrace Room in the HUB a year ago this month should have been the best thing that ever happened to ease the sorry lot of the downtown student.

Eating—one of the chief problems that confronts most downtown independents three times a day, seven days a week—should have become a happier proposition as the result of the cafeteria in the HUB. But it hasn't.

There are not enough restaurants in town to accommodate the 4400 students who live in private off-campus housing. The restaurants fall into one of two categories: clean, serving well prepared and tasty food at out-of-bounds prices or dirty, serving ill-prepared and tasteless food at low prices.

Many of the students who live downtown do so as an economy measure. Off-campus life can be less expensive than fraternity or dormitory life. And it can also be miserable.

A chance to better their lot was offered to downtown students by the HUB cafeteria. At fairly reasonable prices, good, well-prepared meals were made available.

Despite this, something less than a mass surge toward the HUB cafeteria has taken place. The cafeteria was built to accommodate 1500 persons at each meal. But it has been drawing only between 400 and 500 customers. From the viewpoint of both the downtown student and the Food Service this is unfortunate.

One method which might help downtown students find better meals and help the food service meet its capacity is putting meal tickets on sale. This is done by several town restaur-

rants. By buying a ticket for \$5, the purchaser is entitled to \$5.50 worth of food.

The Terrace Room offers a "student special" at every meal which, from the viewpoint of the student, isn't very special. The "student special" sells for a nickel less than would the same meal if purchased a la carte.

Last week's average student special at noon cost \$1.03 and in the evening, \$1.09. But the customers spent an average of \$.79 for lunch and \$.93 for dinner. Unless a large number of people buy just a portion of a meal, lowering the average, these figures indicate that most customers prefer to spend less than the price of a "student special."

Aware of this, the Terrace Room is now offering a soup-and-sandwich "HUB special" at noon on Thursdays. If this special is welcomed, plans call for it to be offered every day.

According to food service, the Terrace Room is a break even proposition. It is operated as a service, not as a money-making venture. If the principle of mass production is valid in the food business, lower prices could be possible if the HUB drew more customers. It now serves only a third of its potential.

Lowering prices might accomplish this. We doubt that the HUB will otherwise find the number of its customers doubling or tripling. But if it lowered its prices—and posted menus on campus bulletin boards—it might find it possible to feed three times as many customers as it now does and still break even.

Food service would then be offering a greater service to the hapless downtown independent. —The Editor

## Why Miss Lucy Had to Leave

Miss Lucy will not go to school—at least at the University of Alabama.

In a surprise move, following a federal district court's order to readmit the 26-year-old Negro woman to classes, the Board of Trustees of the university expelled her for charging that school officials had conspired with outsiders in the mob rioting which drove her from the campus Feb. 6.

On the request of Miss Lucy's attorney the charges against the school officials were eliminated from her petition in the federal court. The attorney said that he had been unable to find any evidence to support the charges.

At that time the university attorneys had objected strenuously to the elimination of the charges contending that the university should have an opportunity to answer them. But the judge disallowed their contention.

The university's trustees based their expulsion proceedings on the unproved charges. First reaction to this sudden action on the part of those who favor integration would probably be unqualified condemnation. But such a judgment would not be completely fair.

We are certain that Alabama officials would be able to cite sections of their rules governing the behavior of undergraduate students which will support the expulsion.

If an ordinary student at Penn State or any other school for that matter made such unproved charges against his university's officials he would probably be expelled with little fanfare or concern. And the university would probably be perfectly within its rights.

But since this case involves no ordinary student but a principle of primary national concern the same values can not be applied to it as to a usual case.

We feel that the action by the Alabama trustee's cannot be defended on a basis of ad-

herence to law. In spirit, at least, their action circumnavigates the law.

The reason for the expulsion can, however, be defended as a matter of expediency. As is evidenced by their testimony under oath, university officials were just plain scared to have Miss Lucy come back to school.

And justifiably so. As was reported in Sunday's New York Times, the situation in Tuscaloosa was ready to explode if and when Miss Lucy came back. University officials were facing a kill-hungry mob.

It is evident, we believe, that their decision to expel Miss Lucy was not based on the color of her skin but in an effort to forestay a riot possibly resulting in murder. We may quarrel with their methods of forestalling threatened violence, but not with their motive.

Miss Lucy and her backers will probably fight this latest turn of events against them in every way possible. And they may well win. The basic right is on their side although their tactics may be open to question.

But whether Miss Lucy wins or not Alabama officials and thinking people all over the South know that the struggle has only begun, not ended. Other Miss Lucys will come and they will not be turned away. Their rights are the same as the whites.

The South must not be caught unprepared again. Integration can be accomplished and its price does not have to be bloodshed. If careful steps are taken by both the whites and Negroes concerned, integration may be accomplished with a minimum of difficulty within our generation.

But if flamboyant attempts continue the situation will be only worsened, not bettered. The rabble-rousers on both sides should not prevail. If ever there was a place for logical, planned action it is in any situation concerned with integration. —Mike Miller

### Gazette

Today  
NEWMAN CLUB Charities Party, 4 p.m., Student Center  
INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 7 p.m., 405 Old Main  
SABBATH EVE SERVICES, 8 p.m., Hillel Synagogue  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 11:20 a.m. to 7 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church

Student Employment  
The following camps will interview at the Student Employment Service. Interested students should sign up in advance at 112 Old Main.  
PHILADELPHIA WMCA—March 7

CAMP WOODLANDS—March 10  
CAMP LAKELAND—March 10  
CRADLE BEACH CAMP—March 10  
CAMP CONRAD WEISER—March 14-15  
CAMP MENATOMA—March 14-15  
CAMP CARADOWANNA—March 21

University Hospital  
Shirley Anselmo, Rosemary Bass, Esther Brotzman, James Ferraro, Mary Kate Herbein, Elaine Kloures, Frederick Kerr, Vincent Lukach, Robert McKenzie, Meredith Miller, Raymond Sands, William Simon, and Janice Summers.

## Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"I like this course — it's so practical."

### Look Who's Talking . . .

## About Bermudas

By JACKIE HUDGINS

Few clothing styles in recent years have raised as many moral eyebrows in the administration as Bermuda shorts have.

We're not sure of the present ruling because its many amendments have distorted its original intent—of which, also, we're not sure. But we do know this. Bermuda shorts are positively prohibited in the Terrace Room of the Hetzel Union Building.

In the spring of 1954 women were first allowed to wear them to play tennis if they wore long coats so people couldn't tell how they were dressed. Later on that same spring things got lenient

and coeds could wear them to play tennis even if they didn't wear long coats over them—provided, and this was the hitch, provided they had a tennis racket with them in plain sight.

Many tennis rackets were seen on campus that spring.

But these rules pertained only to Bermudas athletically. The social rules were different. Exact dates escape us but one or two seasons ago women were allowed to wear them in the dormitory hallways through still not in the lounges, lobbies, and dining halls. They could wear them on afternoon dates if they took long coats with them so when they returned to the dormitory people sitting in the lobby would not be aware that's what they had on.

Still later women were allowed to appear in lobbies with Bermudas on if they passed through rapidly. They didn't have to run—just walk through as unobtrusively as possible and as quickly.

This lobby procedure, as far as we know, still prevails but nothing has been changed as far as lounge and dining hall procedure is concerned.

Now, back to the Terrace Room where Bermuda shorts are still definitely taboo. This is a more far-reaching regulation because it affects men and women equally. Thus, it requires more thought.

So that's what we're going to do—think about it.

Why can't we wear Bermudas in the Terrace Room? Eating places in this vicinity of even better repute permit them.

But we're not going to close our minds to the problem. Suppose we try to apply the old social Bermuda rules to the Terrace Room problem. It would go something like this.

Men and women in the shorts would enter the Terrace Room wearing a long buttoned coat. As they passed the coat racks near the far left entrance they would be permitted to unbutton their coats, take them off, hang them up, then walk unobtrusively and quickly to the serving room.

After they filled their trays they would pay their checks and proceed quickly to a table in a darkened corner which would have been reserved especially for people wearing Bermuda shorts.

When they finished eating they would go to the coat racks, put on their coats, button them and leave without letting the people sitting in the snack bar know how they were dressed underneath.

In theory this sounds fine. But things don't always turn out the way they are supposed to. Maybe social Bermuda rules would never work in the Terrace Room. In that case we let the problem rest because we're sure not going to have people carrying tennis rackets with them just so they can eat in the HUB.

### Tonight on WDFM

7:15	Sign On
7:20	News
7:25	Sports
7:30	Just for Two
8:30	News Roundup
9:00	Forestry Ball
9:30	Light Classical Jukebox
10:30	Sign Off

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