

Editorial Opinion

Why Upperclass Dorms?

The Association of Independent Men Board of Governors has defeated a motion to ask that upperclassmen and freshmen be segregated in the men's residence halls.

But the board did vote to have its executive committee study the possibilities of establishing upperclass living units on a voluntary basis.

Carl Smith, AIM vice president, who proposed the segregated living plan, referred to a 1954 report of the West Halls Council. The report indicated that upperclassmen living with freshmen disliked their status as a minority group and had no choice of where they wanted to live in the West Halls area.

Some of the reasons given by board members for defeating the plan were that freshmen needed upperclassmen to help them acquire good study habits and to set good examples for college living. If upperclassmen were separated from freshmen, members said, many freshmen would flunk out of school.

But at whose expense would this good example be realized?

When freshmen enter college they should be ready to accept responsibilities entailed in getting a degree. They should not have to depend constantly on upperclassmen to advise them on their problems.

Residence hall and student counselors, faculty advisors and professors exist partly to solve these problems. The burden of making freshmen realize the importance of good grades should not rest with upperclassmen, who have problems of their own.

Separate living areas for freshmen and upperclassmen would strengthen the bond of the classes. Many town independent men might choose to move into these units, where they could find study habits and interests similar to those of their dorm-mates.

Certain areas could be set aside for upperclassmen with the completion of the North Halls and upperclassmen could have a choice of whether or not they want to move into these areas.

It is important that such units be created, and that all upperclassmen be allowed to live in them if they so desire. The argument that the absence of upperclassmen is detrimental to freshmen is not valid.

Because of the University's planning schedule, AIM may have to act quickly if it expects the University in the near future to offer upperclass independent men a living program with so many obvious benefits.

About-Face on Conflicts

In an abrupt about-face the University has reversed its ruling that students may not file for a conflict examination if they have three final exams within 24 hours.

Scheduling Officer John E. Miller wisely and quickly vacated a position that is highly untenable, to say the least.

But in doing so, he said he believes there was not much objection to the original ruling and that a furor may have been caused over relatively little.

All-University Cabinet members certainly did not agree, for last night they voted their unanimous disagreement with the original ruling, even though they knew it already had been reversed.

The scheduling office yesterday acted to benefit students. Now students must show they deserve the benefits of conflict exams by not abusing the privilege of filing for them with minor excuses such as wanting to go home early.

Letters

Help Is Sought In Book Drive

TO THE EDITOR: There is a way the Penn State student body can help our Asian problem. They can contribute their text books to the Asia Foundation. Gamma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternities, are sponsoring this drive starting Monday and ending Friday.

We suggest the books be of university level, in good condition and published after 1945. Works by standard authors published before 1945 are also needed. (Examples of standard authors: Dickens, Hawthorne, Hemingway, Plato, W. James.

Collection spots will be McElwain, Redifer, Hetzel Union card room, Nittany 20 and Waring. We will have students posted at these five spots from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The books will go to universities in Asia, from Afghanistan eastward to Japan. They will help Asian students to a better understanding of the western community of thought as well as to a better understanding of the English language. Gamma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Phi Omega will appreciate the cooperation of students and faculty in this drive.

—Patricia Frank, '60
—Michael Clark, '59

Rules Questioned By More Coeds

TO THE EDITOR: We, the female populace of University Park, feel that our personal privileges are not being respected. We are sending this in support of a previous letter with some additional comments.

We will readily support many of the rules and agree that they are necessary, proper, and are in the best interest of all concerned. However, we feel that certain rules and practices are extreme and uncalled for and should be modified or changed.

Nittany dorms are not alone in their complaint that they are not consulted on rules concerning personal dress and conduct. This refers to the ruling against bermudas in the lounge. Then, too, all below grades—a matter of interest only to the student and her parents—must pass through the hands of the house-mother.

We also think that room in-

spection, when the occupants are not present, violates our personal privacy. We agree that inspection is necessary, but think that there is no reason that they should be conducted behind our backs.

Considering that the hostesses are free to inspect any part of the room and dictate exactly what we may or may not have in our rooms, we suggest that matters of personal taste, not violating University rules, should be left to the discretion of the individual.

Although student regulations are for the most part good, we would like to hear other opinions on the current handling of these rules.

—Kathryn Van Atta, '62
—Joyce Libby, '62
—Patricia Gardner, '62

Dec. 5, 1933 Ended an Era

NEW YORK (AP)—Cannons boomed in New Orleans. Crowds whooped in Chicago. An effigy of "Old Man Prohibition" was hung in New York's Times Square.

Across the country, throngs toasted in a new era—of legal liquor.

That outburst of jubilation came 25 years ago today. Since then, alcoholic beverages have grown into a giant aspect of the American scene—both in economic and human terms.

Repeal of the 18th Amendment, on Dec. 5, 1933, marked a major transformation on the nation's social mores.

Studies indicate more than 60 million citizens—nearly two-thirds of the adult population—now drink, either a little or a lot.

Although more Americans are tipping the glass than ever, the Licensed Beverage Industries, Inc., says that, on the average, they are drinking less per person than during prohibition.

Average hard liquor consumption now is 2.03 gallons per adult annually not counting wine and beer, the report says, compared to what has been estimated as 3.32 gallons back when it was against the law.

Gazette

TODAY
Center Stage Show, "The Reluctant Debutante," 8 p.m., Center Stage
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Department of Education, 1 p.m., 217 HUB
Graduate Student Association Dance, 9 p.m. to midnight, HUB ballroom
Interlandia Folk Dance, 7:30 p.m., 3 White
Masse, 6:30, 7, 9 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church; 5:15 p.m., memorial chapel
Mineral Industries Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., Mineral Industries auditorium
Players Production, 8 p.m., Schwab Auditorium

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Beresford Bailey, Robert Bradley, Barbara Campbell, Fred Elsele, Judith Green, Martha Harrison, Carl Hoffman, Michael Karnow, Joseph Koskullitz, William Pearson, Phyllis Rachman, Lois Rothenberg, John Saikis, Robert Teifield, Alan Vandenberg.

Santa to Receive Military Welcome

Santa Claus will get a military welcome to State College tomorrow.

The University's ROTC drill teams and bands will perform in the Christmas parade for a trophy award. The annual parade, beginning at 10 a.m., is sponsored by the State College Chamber of Commerce.

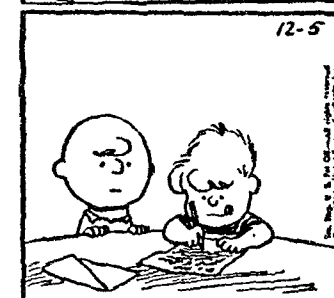
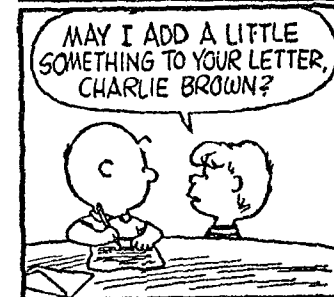
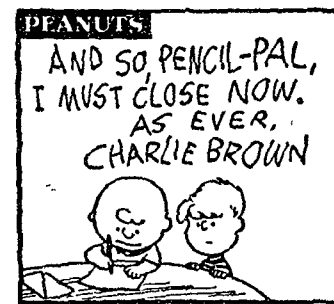
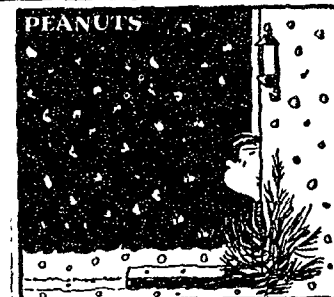
The State College Junior and Senior High School bands and the Bellefonte brass section will also march.

There will be a free cartoon movie at 1 p.m. at the Cathaum Theatre.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"How can you give me an 'F' on this paper when you admit you couldn't even read it!"



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