

Petty Stealing Continues In Women's Dormitories

By PAULA DRANOV

During the past year petty stealing in the women's dorms has occurred at approximately the same rate as in previous years, according to an informal survey of women students and nine residence hall hostesses.

The primary complaint of the women is the frequent and at times mystifying disappearance of money. Instances quoted show that change lying loose in unlocked rooms and cash in varying amounts have been stolen throughout the year.

Some of the coeds reported that at times large sums hidden in secluded places in locked rooms have been taken. There were no suggestions as to how the locked rooms are entered or how the hiding places have been discovered. However, some of the women speculated that some of the robberies have been based on direct knowledge of where the money was hidden.

The majority of complaints come from the larger dormitories where a girl may wander into any section of the building and enter unlocked rooms. However, in the smaller South Halls the problem is still prevalent.

An estimate of the amount of money missing in the women's residences this year is impossible due to the fact that no offenses have been reported to the campus patrol and very few hostesses questioned could cite actual complaints brought to them by the women.

At different times during the year stealing becomes especially prevalent. Hostesses warn the majority of the offenses occur before the Christmas and Easter holidays and before the end of the semesters. They advise that extreme care should be taken at these times and that doors be kept locked.

Aside from the stealing of money complaints come from food taken from the lounge kitchen refrigerators to wet umbrellas being taken from the halls as they dried.

Another major problem cited by both the coeds and hostesses interviewed is the removal of clothes from the laundry. Even in dorms where there is relatively no stealing of money, this problem was brought forth. Articles have been taken from driers or clothes lines. Blouses and shirts seem to be the most frequent articles stolen.

Many women complained of food being removed from individual rooms and lounge kitchens. One hostess reported that food had been taken from the kitchen reserved for cleaning women and janitors.

Among the other articles frequently missing are sweaters, especially expensive sweaters and fur-blends and records. In past years entire record collections have been reported stolen.

The only solution to the problem of petty stealing is the one consistently advanced by the hostesses, that of keeping valuables in locked closets or drawers and keeping doors locked when the occupant is not in the building.

Correction

Liselotte Weihe, sophomore in arts and letters from Alexandria, Va. tied for first place with Roberta Levine, senior in journalism from Conneville, in the annual speech contest sponsored by Delta Alpha Delta, speech honorary society.

It was inadvertently reported in yesterday's Collegian that Judith Borland, junior in medical technology from New York City, N.Y., was the co-winner of the award with Miss Levine.

Students Govern World-Over

By LYNN CEREFICE

Student government organizations have an active part in the educational programs of most universities and colleges throughout the world.

The parts played by these student governing bodies, however, vary greatly according to the educational customs of the country. Ingmar Grenthe, a graduate student in chemistry and physics from Lund, Sweden, described student government in his country as being "very strong."

In Sweden, the highest student council officials — president, vice president, and secretary — are elected by the student body and receive salaries for their services, he said. Since students elected to these top positions are required to interrupt their studies, it is felt that they should be granted some small compensation, Grenthe explained.

Unlike student government in the United States, Swedish student government has a great influence on university operation and policy, he said. For example, the faculty is responsible for setting up scholastic requirements for the various college curricula, but the student council is permitted to approve or disapprove such programs.

Grenthe said that although the faculty has the final decision on the system to be adopted, the opinions of the student council will receive great consideration.

Student government in Sweden also differs from American student government in that it has complete control over such departments as food and housing, he said.

John Vinney, a sophomore in petroleum engineering from Caracas, Venezuela, pointed out the political nature of student government in his country.

It is the custom in Venezuela for the student to join one of the nation's political parties. The ma-

majority party in the student government of the universities usually corresponds to the majority party in the national government, Vinney said.

Within the universities, he explained, the student governing bodies act as advisory boards to the faculty.

However, he said, in the event of national uprising, student government becomes a strong political power and may demonstrate its influence in various ways such as refusal to attend classes.

According to Friedman Freud, a member of the research staff of the Department of Ceramic Engineering from Wetzlar, Germany, student government in Germany is based on a system of corporations.

These corporations are in some ways comparable to our fraternities. They are composed of students studying within the same curriculum. The corporations own their own homes and there is a strict disciplinary system within them, he said.

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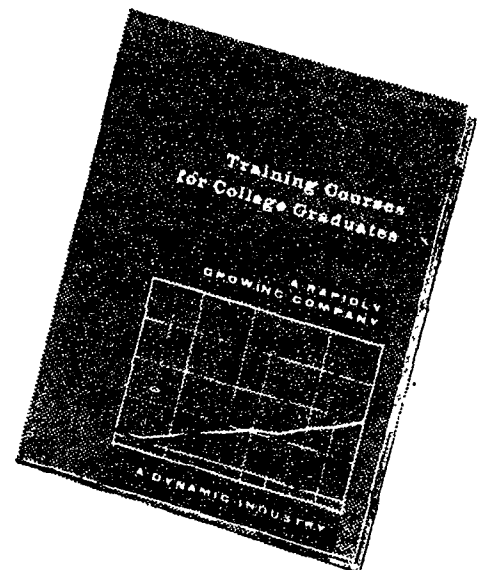


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