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Editorial Opinion

Town Housing

Two years ago State College took decisive action in establishing a housing code of significance to every University student who lives in the borough. Contained in the code are the specific requirements for dwellings listed on this page.

Since these are the MINIMUM requirements for housing accommodations in the borough, every off-campus student should carefully study the list to make certain his apartment or room meets all specifications.

The Housing Commission of the Town Independent Men's Council, under the chairmanship of Paul Hedeman, is finally taking concerted action to make certain borough landlords conform to all the requirements. We urge all students who discover violations in their housing accommodations to report them to the TIM Council office in 203G Hetzel Union Building, 865-6851.

We have pointed out numerous times the danger of downtown firetraps and other buildings which do not meet the minimum specifications of the borough. It is the duty of every landlord to see that his dwellings meet these specifications; if the landlords fail, and TIM Council is currently investigating some who have, then students must take the initiative and report the violations of the housing code.

Fortunately, State College has escaped major tragedies from unsafe dwellings, but that is no reason to be complacent on the issue. The violators who give the borough a black name should be pointed out and made to conform to the law.

University students are also fortunate that the housing situation in State College is not acute, except during some fall terms. New apartment dwellings throughout the borough are providing safe, modern accommodations for hundreds of students and more apartments are planned. It is no longer necessary for University students to live in unsafe dwellings. If they do, and thus support unconcerned landlords, they will be equally to blame for any tragedy.

A group of cooperative churches and religious societies in the borough has recognized another aspect of the housing situation and is taking constructive action to combat it. Nearly 20 such groups are asking their members to sign an "open-housing covenant" which reads in part:

"I will welcome into my neighborhood any law-abiding, responsible person, without regard to race, color, creed or national origin. Should I have occasion to buy, sell or rent property, I will deal fairly with any interested party. I believe that our community should make no distinction on these bases, and as an individual, I will endeavor to make my personal practices match my faith in these principles."

By thus combatting housing discrimination, another problem which receives little publicity but clearly exists, residents of the borough are recognizing their obligation to University students. Through this program and through concerted efforts to make student dwellings more habitable, State College can continue to grow into a more desirable community in which students can live.

Quote of the Day

"Let us not look back in anger or forward in fear but around in awareness."

—James Thurber

TODAY ON CAMPUS

Accounting Club: "Problems in International Accounting" by H. R. Klotz, 7:30 p.m., 209 Home Economics South.
Association of Women Students, 6:15 p.m., 214 Hetzel Union Building.
Blue Key, 11:30 p.m., Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity.
Circle K, 7:30 p.m., 218 HUB.
English Club: "The American Student Program" by Alan Trachtenburg, 7:30 p.m., 217 HUB.
Episcopal Holy Eucharist, 9 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel.
Intercollegiate Council Board, 7 p.m., 216 HUB.
Interfraternity Christian Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., 213 HUB.
Public Information film, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB assembly hall.
Scabbard and Blade, 9 p.m., 203 HUB.
Spring Week, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB.
Student Handbook, 7 p.m., 215 HUB.
Women's Chorus, 6 p.m., HUB assembly hall.

WDFM Schedule

4:15 The Philadelphia (Neal Steiger)
5:00 Classical Cameos
5:55 News (Fred Haupt)
6:00 Radio Moscow
6:15 Evening Moods (Barb Kerstetter)
7:25 News (Howard Rachelson)
7:30 Campus Beat
7:30 Showcase "15"
7:45 College
8:00 The Pleasures of Music (Nan Gullio Mann)
8:55 Sports
9:00 Music
9:55 Campus News Report
10:00 Symphonic Notebook
12:00 News



Housing Check List

Below is a simple check sheet for itemized inspection of premises within State College. Each building used for occupation in the borough must comply with these simple points, according to the State College Public Housing Code of April 1963:

- Every dwelling unit or apartment must have:
 - Toilet facilities separate from habitable rooms
 - A kitchen sink with running water connected to sewer pipes.
 - Not more than two apartments sharing one bathroom.
 - In rooming houses toilet facilities may not be more than one story removed from the unit served.
 - For two apartments sharing one rest room each apartment may not have more than two rooms (excluding kitchen)
 - Both apartments combined have an area of not more than 375 aggregate square feet.
 - Such bathroom can not be inaccessible (eg. so that one must go outside or through another's apartment)
 - Must have hot and cold water
 - Hot water must be at least 120° F. at all times.
 - Rooming houses—not more than eight people per bath room.
 - In determining number in rooming house using bath room: owner and family if using facilities are included and cellar bath rooms can not be included.
 - Every dwelling unit must have garbage facilities.
- VENTILATION**
- Window area must be five per cent of floor area or have ventilating fans in use.
 - Bathrooms must have windows (to five per cent floor area) or else provide ventilating fans.
- ELECTRICITY**
- Every habitable room shall contain at least two separate floor or wall type outlets and one supplied ceiling type outlet one of which must be switched.
 - Every room shall be "adequately" lighted.
 - All outlets, wiring etc must be in good repair.



State College: 'Educational Environment'

HEATING

13. Must have heating systems capable of safely and adequately heating all habitable rooms and bathrooms at least at 70° F.

14. All heating facilities must be in good repair (good working condition.)

15. Portable heating equipment employing an open flame or using kerosene or gasoline is illegal.

SPACE AND OCCUPANCY

16. Sleeping quarters must have 50 sq. feet of floor area (if two or more in room must have 25 feet apiece.)

17. Habitable rooms must have ceiling seven feet high for at least one-half of the floor area.

18. Living quarters must have

150 square feet for the first occupants; 75 square feet for the second; 70 square feet for each additional.

STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS

19. Every interior floor, wall or ceiling must be rodent proof and in sound condition.

20. Every exterior roof, wall and foundation must be substantially weather-tight, water-tight, rodent-proof and kept in a sound condition.

21. Every window and door (exterior) must be substantially weather-proof, water-tight and kept in good working condition.

22. Stairways and porches must be sound and safe to use.

23. Bathrooms can not have wooden floors.

- Bathroom floors must be impervious to water.
 - Plumbing must be sound, in working condition no leaks free from obstructions.
 - Plumbing must give an adequate volume and pressure to meet reasonable needs of occupants
- COOKING EQUIPMENT**
- Must be in working condition and good repair.
 - Portable equipment employing flame and those using gasoline or kerosene are illegal.

INFESTATION, RODENT, PEST CONTROL

29. Walls, foundations, ceilings and roofs must be free of holes large enough for rodents to enter.

30. Must be substantially free of infestation

31. Extermination is the responsibility of the owner.

32. Permits must be displayed in a conspicuous place in operator's office or public hallway or in the case of apartments displayed on request.

33. All buildings rented for occupancy as a place of residence in State College after June 1, 1963 must have permits.

UNFIT FACILITIES

34. Those where walls or structural members list, lean or buckle (see code; so that a plumb line passing through the center of gravity falls outside of the middle of the third of its base.)

35. Having improperly distributed loads.

36. Those with 33 per cent or more damage to supporting members or 50 per cent to non-supporting enclosing outside walls.

37. Damaged by fire or wind as to be a safety or health hazard.

38. Generally dilapidated condition

39. Inadequate facilities for egress in the case of fire or panic or those having insufficient stairways, elevators, fire escapes and the like.

Letters to the Editor

Senior Hints YAFer Take Trip to South

TO THE EDITOR: After reading his letter of February 27, I have become aware of Mr. Thormeyer's urgent need for a sound political and sociological education. I believe that such an education should include practical as well as academic experience in the fields of "state sovereignty" and "Southern hospitality."

Therefore, I propose that the YAF set aside funds, which it had previously allocated for feasting, to provide Mr. Thormeyer with a "carpetbag" and an all-expense-paid trip to the South.

This would enable him to observe and engage in the work of the "carpetbaggers" in spreading the evil doctrine of equal rights for the "uppity nigras."

His itinerary should include several of the great bastions of liberty. The first stop might be Selma, Alabama. There, he could receive encouraging pats on the back (with a billy club), from the local law enforcement officers.

However, he should decline to accept any invitation to spend the night in the local hotel for "carpetbaggers," since he may be forced to share a room with a despicable winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Before entering Philadelphia, Mississippi; Mr. Thormeyer should hire a horse. I understand that the fine for speeding, in that fair city, is

several lead projectiles and six feet of earth at the local dam site.

This fine applies only to "carpetbaggers." So Mr. Thormeyer would do well to be aware of the locality's strange, but swift and just, system of law enforcement.

After such an excursion, Mr. Thormeyer would be well qualified to run for the USG presidency, or, perhaps, the nearest hospital.

I wonder if Mr. Thormeyer has the fortitude to complete the course in practical politics, that is given daily by the Southern patriots and defenders of freedom.

—Robert C. Lewis, '65
(Ed. Note: The Daily Collegian learned yesterday that Mr. Thormeyer is, indeed, taking a trip to the South (North Carolina) this Friday.)

Fast Participant Defends Motives of Peace Groups

TO THE EDITOR: Many letters have appeared in the Collegian these past few days regarding last week's demonstration.

One person maintained our fast was meaningless because protesters fast longer. Another likened our effort to the extremism of George Lincoln Rockwell.

Whether our extremism was analogous to Rockwell's or Ghandi's was not the issue in question, and we were not trying out for the wrestling team. We were looking for an audience to whom we could present our carefully considered sup-

port of negotiations in Southeast Asia.

Fasting was not martyrdom nor did we ever pretend that it was. It showed, though, a strong commitment to a belief.

We did not arbitrarily and blindly adopt our peace views as was implied in Mr. Hirsch's letter. We have many substantive reasons for believing in a non-military settlement in Viet Nam.

For those who did not have an opportunity to hear or read our reasons last week, we are maintaining a literature booth through Thursday of this week in the Hetzel Union Building.
—Thomas O'Brien, '65

Soph Seeking Channels For 'Serious' Expression

TO THE EDITOR: The Daily Collegian seems to be at a loss for worthwhile feature articles, perhaps because students are too "busy" to write them, perhaps because of the 400-word limit on letters to the editor.

I should like to have your word on:

• The Collegian's feature article policy.

• Whether or not freelance features are accepted; and if not, where on campus is there a publication (aside from the few ridiculous ones recently launched) that considers serious work.

Several issues of the Collegian contained letters protesting student apathy and the lack of "speaking out."

Where does one speak out?
—Ronald Scheurer, '67

ever, it looks for most of such feature articles to its intermediate and advanced reporters, who have completed Collegian candidate school. At the present time, there is an unusually large number of magazines in which students can express themselves, including Critique, Manifest, Froth and individual publications in various colleges.)

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