



Dr. Frederic Wood and wife in motel office.

Wood Operates Local Motel Problem Procedure Reviewed

Dr. Frederic Wood, Humanities and Latin Professor, owns and manages the Asheville Court, a Merrimon Avenue motel.

Wood, a full time instructor at A-B for the first time this year, has run the 14 unit court for six years.

"Most of the work," says Wood, "is done by my wife and Miss Margaret Irwin, my sister-in-law."

"We have two months of tourist boom," he continues, "but 75% of our business comes from commercial travelers. College age people make up only about 10% of our trade, and most of them are service men."

They (the servicemen) give us no trouble. In fact, we have very little trouble at all. This is because we are small and cater to a middle-age trade, who are looking for some peace and quiet."

When asked about procedures regarding "questionable couples" and the practice of doubling up in a room, Dr. Wood replied, "There are two sides of the fence to the 'questionable couples' problem. Kids resent our questioning of them when they're on legitimate business, there's no doubt about that. But there is a certain irreducible minimum who are up to no good."

"We then have two choices; we can ignore it, which for a small motel isn't good for business, or we can take one of several courses."

"We don't rent to people with no luggage or a local address. This might turn away some legitimate business, but it's safer. Single young men who are in town to visit a young lady are also a problem. We raise the price on a suspicious couple and if all else fails, they are told

that we don't want their business."

"Let me say a word to young men. Whatever your intentions, don't stay in a motel room with a young lady for any length of time. The implication will always be that you are up to no good."

"On the questioning of 'doubling up'; we have had almost no experience with it. We charge by the nature of the room we rent, rather than the number of people. Within reason, we don't much care who is in the room."

When asked about trouble involving the police, Dr. Wood said, "We have infrequently called the Vice Squad. They have worked efficiently and with a minimum of fuss in removing people from their rooms."

"In the future we are hoping," added Dr. Wood, "to sell the motel."

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Coffee-House Planned For A-B Students

A coffee house for Asheville-Biltmore College students and other area college students, which has been in the planning stages since early summer may come to fruition within the next few months.

The site for the coffee house has been tentatively picked, he said, but formal announcement of the location was being withheld pending closing of the deal with the property owner.

The Rev. Robert S. Busey, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, who has been spearheading the Asheville Ministerial Association's planning committee (project sponsors), said the needed money has been pledged, but an actual opening date hasn't been announced.

Rev. Busey said the operation of the coffee house will be under student leadership and control with a student committee appointed by the Student Government Association doing most of the actual program planning.

The minister said he has been working closely with SGA President Guy Batsel during the preliminary planning.

Batsel recently appointed Ridgerunner Managing Editor Thom Mount chairman of the student committee.

Immediately after opening, Rev. Busey said, the coffee house will be operating only on weekends.

He said the programing will include folk singers, debates, art shows, poetic readings, and dramatic presentations.

Coming Up

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28: Faculty and student discussion, Central Dorm, 7:30.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30: S. G. A. Dance, Moose Lodge, 9:00-1:00, Shaydz and the Royal Primes, show ID's.

SUNDAY, OCT. 1: Supper, all students, Botanical Gardens. \$.40, Faculty invited.

SUNDAY, OCT. 1: Road Rallye, 1:00 PM, Library Parking lot. Sponsored by Sigma Delta Upsilon.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4: Theodore Ullman, concert pianist. 8:15 p.m., Student Center Aud.

Meeting, Alpha Nu Lambda 3:00 PM, H129.

FRIDAY, OCT. 6: S. G. A. Dance, Brown Derby, Robinson Brothers, 9:00 - 1:00. Show ID'S.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11: Meeting, Alpha Nu Lambda, 3:00 PM, H129.

Refreshments will be of a light snack type with several varieties of coffee including espresso served, Rev. Busey said.

He stressed that while the Ministerial Association is sponsoring the project it will not be a "revival" type atmosphere.

The minister said any discussion of religion will be initiated by the students and not by the sponsors.

"We hope it will be the kind of place any college student will feel at home and relax," he said.

A name for the coffee house has not been chosen and Rev. Busey said he felt sure A-B students were inventive and creative enough to come up with a good tag for the house.

Art Department Has New Home

By JIM PERRY

A-B's Art Department has recently been granted the use of a building on the corner of Barnard and Edgewood Street.

The building, which is owned by the college, has previously been rented to an Asheville family. The house will be an annex to the present studio in the Humanities Building.

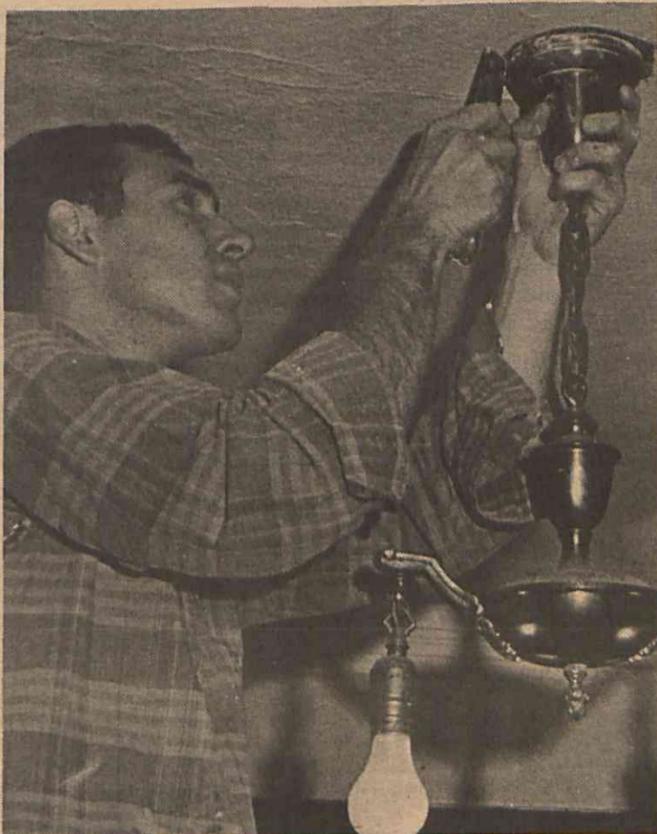
It was given to the Art Department for several reasons. Most important is the fact that the growing Art Department was running out of space. "There would be students painting and others stone carving at the same time," stated instructor Tucker Cooke. "Painting and drawing require as much silence as possible. Sculpture can be a loud art."

This feeling was shared by many teachers and students who had classes near the studio. The sounds of creativity apparently do not enhance history lectures.

President Highsmith, Dr. Riggs and the Art faculty decided that the house would alleviate some of these conflicts, and would relieve the "cluttered" condition the studio is often in.

The new house will serve several other purposes. Art students feel they need a place where they can work without the severe restrictions the Humanities Building now imposes upon them. They need a "home" where they can work evenings and on weekends, which is now prohibited in the Humanities Building.

In the building there will be a large painting studio, a graphics studio and four private and one semi-private studios for seniors and advanced students.



MEL JUSTUS REPAIRS ceiling in new art department house. He and other students participated in Saturday "paint-ins."
Photo by Macatee

There will also be a student gallery where the Art student will be given the opportunity to exhibit and sell their work. The gallery will be open to the public periodically. The building will also serve as the meet-place for Kappa Pi (Honorary Art Fraternity).

For the last three weeks, the house has been the scene of several "paint-ins". "When we first saw the house, we were all pretty discouraged," said Mr. Cooke. "The walls were painted three different colors in some

places, the plaster was full of cracks and holes, and the entire house was filthy". Since then, a volunteer painting crew, made up of Art students and interested non - Art students, have put in long Saturday hours. Instructor Cooke stated, "The inside of the house is almost completely repainted. It should be finished this Saturday."

Plans for the future include improvement on the outside of the house, and a sculpture garden.