

Armed Forces call for mail

For almost a year, American diplomatic personnel, civilian as well as military, have been held hostage in a foreign land. Some of these military personnel are young people away from home for the first time. In 1979 we saw the American people respond to the plight of these hostages, with each receiving many thousands of pieces of Christmas mail.

On the other hand, the U.S. had many thousands of young military people on duty in the U.S. and around the world who received little or no mail during the Christmas Season.

That's what Armed Forces Mail Call is all about. The sixth annual Christmas

Mail Call is now being conducted for our young military personnel who will be away from home during the Holiday Season, many for the first time, thus unable to be with families and friends. Mail Call distributes the mail it receives through facilities of the Department of Defense as well as various private organizations (hospitals, chaplains, Armed Services YMCAs, USOs, servicemen's centers, etc.) across the U.S. and around the world, reminding our young service people that the American public has not forgotten them. Whether or not one agrees with the Administration's foreign and domestic policies, these young people do not

make those policies. Rather, they go wherever they are sent, in the U.S. or overseas, serving our great country.

This is an ideal project for families, school classes, and organizations, as well as individuals. For complete information on how you or your group may have an active part in this very worthwhile program, please write to Armed Forces Mail Call, 2710 West Broadway 514, Anaheim, California 92804. Thank you!

P.S. If you have a friend or relative in military service who would appreciate extra mail at Christmas, please send their name and address to Mail Call, and some mail will be sent to them.

Mock Election

On Thursday, October 2nd, there will be a mock election, voting on the presidential candidate of your choice. Non-resident students are asked to vote from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Cate Center. Resident students should vote in Belk Dining Hall during lunch or dinner. Help S.G.A. close out its Political Awareness Month

with this presidential election. Young Democrats, College Republicans, and the History Club are working with S.G.A. to make Meredith's campus aware of the political issues our country is faced with.

Come to S.G.A. on Friday, October 3rd in Jones Auditorium at 10:00 a.m. to find out who wins at Meredith.

Mediation Panel Notes

On Monday, Sept. 22, 1980, the Mediation Panel met at

7:40. The Panel heard two cases. The first case involved a freshman accused of violation of her Late Permission. Due to insufficient, inaccurate evidence, the case was dismissed.

The second case involved a sophomore who was accused of being on the breezeway

with a male after closing hours. The regulation regarding this violation can be found in the Handbook on page

67, Number 4, under Self-Determining Hours. The girl was found guilty and given a penalty of two call-downs.

Roommate realities

by Shannon Crowson

A perfunctory lesson in college is how to be a roommate.

That's not to say the perfect roommate but at least a decent one.

What an exciting thought — the perfect living partner.

I traipse through the door, weary from another day in the halls of higher learning, into the tasteful confines of my apartment.

"Had a hard day? Please, sit down and try this chablis. Dinner's already in the oven. You say you're not sure if the game hens look done enough? Sorry... I forgot to put them in on time because the vacuum cleaner broke down."

(With a Chip-and-Dale dialect) "Oh, splendid. What else are we going to do tonight?"

The perfect roommate pauses, looking concerned.

"I'm hoping you won't mind. I have to do a few physics problems, but after

those I'll finish up your homework for you. The starch in your Polo shirt is like the elusive butterfly to me. I'm beginning to wonder if I'll ever master it."

"Don't worry about it. As long as you have time to analyze my dream from last night, tell me what to do about my date Saturday night and give me my hour of positive feedback, there'll be no problem."

But in reality the world of roommating can be the confinement of two strangers in a cramped excuse for a room, pasted into a semblance of a home with posters, peanut butter, dirty laundry and a couple of schizophrenic plants.

This world can also consist of a few friends waging a secret war with their checkbooks, noting the names of Southern Bell, CP&L, the grocery store and their apartment managers in their spent-checks records.

Better Homes and Gardens won't rush to grab exclusive photos of the decorating style, a mishmash of early orange crate, primitive plant hanger and medieval parental leftover. Somehow though, it seems that home, or even home away from home, is where you throw your laundry and empty wine bottles.

There's a more familiar atmosphere and naturally more space in an apartment or a hunk of a rented house, but a roommate remains the same.

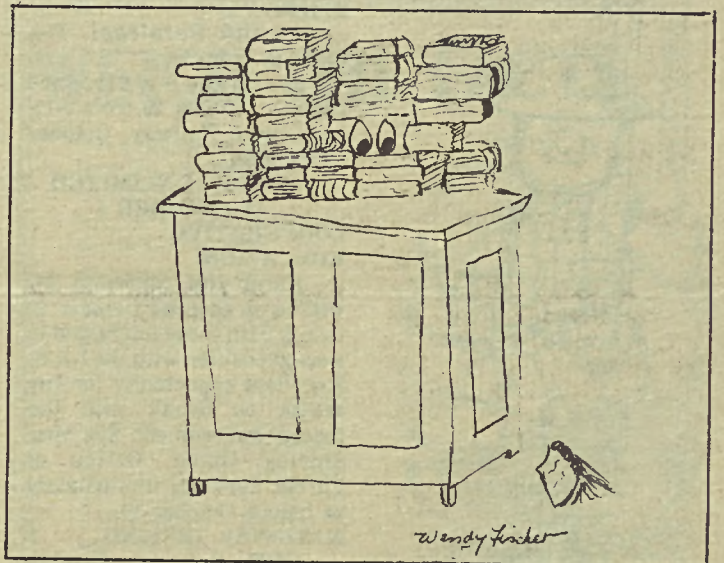
In the freshman environment particularly, meeting that total stranger for the first time, and sorting out those dreadful first impressions, is one of the hardest times imaginable. But by this point in the semester, it may have gotten easier.

The initial confusion of finding classes and learning that you can write a check at Two Guys is over, and the dialogue has to start.

But whether in houses, dormitories or apartments, the roommate experience is a good one but no fairy tale — just trial and error.

It's merely a game of give-and-take with a little sharing and empathy thrown in for good measure.

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