

Editorials

Open Dorm Policy - Could It Be Better?

by Stuart Jones

There has been a lot of talk this year about M-AC's Open Dorm policy and whether or not it could be improved. Two of the major complaints are that Open Dorms are too infrequent and too boring.

Infrequency causes problems in the larger dorms such as Davis and M-A Hall. There are so many rooms to visit that a visitor tries to limit himself to a quick visit before moving on. He rushes because he knows he won't be able to visit again for another month. Thus the halls are crowded and noisy, making it impossible for a student not participating in the Open Dorm to accomplish any studying or sleeping. Stereos are loud because each student tries to play his albums and tapes loud enough to hear them above those of the guy next door or across the hall, which only adds to the general din.

All this means that a resident who doesn't have a 20-amp stereo system can't play (hear) any of his own music, he can't study with a visitor because the noise in the hall disrupts his concentration, and he can't hold a simple conversation because his visitor will be leaving in 5 minutes to "catch two rooms on 2nd floor before the dorm closes." Here surfaces the aforementioned "boredom" from nothing to do.

One plausible solution to these problems is a moderately revised Open Dorm policy. Consider, for a moment, a policy which allows Open Dorms on Sundays from, say, 2-5 p.m. and from 7-11 p.m., with the following restrictions: (1) As always, the door must remain open, (2) the host must "escort" the visitor(s) from the lobby to the room (this prevents aimless wandering and excludes people who have no business being there), and (3) Quiet hours must be observed.

This policy is very similar to though slightly more conservative than, that of Lenoir-Rhyne College. It should not tie Hall Counselors to their halls during those hours, and it should eliminate much of the noise and bustle. The "escort" and "open door" restrictions provide a margin of protection for all participants, host and visitor.

The general policy allows for visitation or study on a much more relaxed basis, and it complies in all aspects with the Christian orientation of the college. Therefore it could be beneficial for the students (and the school) if this or a similar policy (days and hours suggested here are purely exemplary) was to be considered by the SGA and the Academic Affairs Committee. Consider it yourself, and support your position, whatever it may be.

Did You Know?

— The oldest known Bible is the Codex Vaticanus written in Greek ante-350 a.d., and preserved in the Vatican Museum, Rome.

— The largest drum in the world is the Disneyland Big Bass Drum with a diameter of 10 feet, 6 inches and weight of 450 lbs. It is mounted on wheels and towed by a tractor.

The largest residential palace in the world is the Vatican Palace, in the Vatican City, an enclave in Rome, Italy. Covering an area of 13½ acres, it has 1,400 rooms, chapels and halls, of which the oldest date from the 15th century.

— The most expensive private house ever built is La Casa Grande at San Simeon, California. It was built from

1922-39 for William Randolph Hearst (1863-1951), at a total cost of more than \$30,000,000.

It has more than 100 rooms, a 104-foot-long heated swimming pool, an 83-foot-long assembly hall and a garage for 25 limousines.

— The largest car ever built was the Bugatti "Royale" by the Italian Ettore Bugatti. Of the six made, each measured over 22 feet in length and the hood alone was over 7 feet long.

— Muhammad Riza Shah Pahlavi formerly of Iran (born October 29, 1919) claims descent from Cyrus the Great (reigned c.559-529 B.C.)

— Forest Management on a professional scale was begun in 1891 in Asheville, N.C., on the Biltmore estate of George Washington Vanderbilt.

Are You Lonely?

by Jill Roberts

Are you lonely? Are you trying to find something or someone to fill that emptiness inside? If you don't know Jesus your loneliness will never change. You may find that for awhile you can live a life without Jesus and try to live on your own. You will find that you try to fill your own desires, always self-seeking for something that is not there. "Jesus is the answer for the world today, above Him there's no other, Jesus is the way."

When you start looking for something better, there is nothing. When you realize you cannot live a life on your own look to Jesus and ye shall find what you have been looking for. Jesus came into the world not to condemn but to save it. Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye heavy laden." Ask and ye shall receive, He will come in and fill that emptiness, and you will feel no longer alone. Jesus fills us with His love, He is a God who cares, who always is there and He is sitting at the right hand of God interceding for us. We have victory in Jesus; He is our armor, our shield, and He upholds us with His right hand. "Who can wash away our sins? Who can make us whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

When you ask Jesus in, believe me He will fill you up and make you a new creature. His blessings are new every morning. He longs for his children to draw near to Him and to love Him and to accept His never failing love. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 God is faithful and just to forgive us for all of our sins. Come unto Jesus — He is waiting and wanting you just as you are. "Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity." Joel 2:13

Great is our Lord!

M-AC Viewpoint

by Debbie Wright

Should the U.S.A. allow women in the draft?"

"No, unless its their own voluntary action." Brian Wills

"No, because everything would have to be specially designed for them. I don't think we need them, we have enough manpower. Its not the American way of life." Robert Jones.

"Yes, but not for combat zones. Theres a lot of administrative and medical-type jobs they could do. Theoretically they have better minds. If more had military science they could be good planners." John Paul Perry.

"I don't think so. I can see how they can be in some positions but I can't see them in combat because men and

women aren't physically equal. They just don't belong there." Lori Peacock.

"Yes, but not to fight. There are so many other ways we can support our men besides fighting." Mary Olschner.

"Yes, I think we're just as capable under pressure as men. I could go out there and fight." Kris Gooch.



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