

# Housemother Reveals All: Rooms Have 'Boyish' Look

Most boys try real hard but they do not know how to make beds. This is the conclusion of Mrs. Ruby Alexander, housemother of Brown dormitory who oversees the housekeeping of 72 boys.

According to Mrs. Alexander, boys who come from large families make better housekeepers than those of smaller families. This is because, she says, people in large families have more responsibilities. The biggest problem among the male "janitors" is keeping the floors cleaned and the trash emptied. "The beds have that 'masculine look'," says Mrs. Alexander.

Since coming to Mars Hill to assume her present position, Mrs. Alexander has discovered that the boys in Brown seem to "love me." She has, however, two suggestions for these loving boys.

First of all she claims that the fellows do not devote as much time to dusting and washing the floor as they should.

Secondly the beds and trash should be better taken care of.

In evaluating the various techniques Mrs. Alexander has concluded that I.Q. has nothing to do with whether a boy is neat or not so neat. This also applies for the origin of birth. The main factor is the amount of responsibility one has had at home.

Has "mom" Alexander ever had any interesting experiences in keeping 72 boys in check? For the first few days she was consistently startled by a female mannequin in room 207 wearing a hat and shirt. To prevent any harmful consequences she made the boys put a robe on the mannequin.

At one time a boy set his hand on fire as a joke. Mrs. Alexander thought it was a bit funny but also a bit dangerous.

Her newest experiences include making her first snowman and

throwing her first snowball (she missed). The reason that these experiences are new is that she is a native of Georgia and has lived most of her life in Florida, where there's precious little snow.

When asked whether boys keep neater rooms than girls she replied, "I know that I kept mine neater than the average run of boys, but I have never had any girls so I couldn't give a fair answer." She did not have to—there was a gleam in her eye and it said, "Uhhmmmm."

## Prof Confused; Writes Anyway

The most widely used textbook for college economic students is "Economics, an Introductory Analysis" by Prof. Paul Samuelson of M.I.T. Here are extracts from successive editions:

First and second editions, 1948 and 1951: "If price increases could be held down to, say, less than 5 per cent per year, such a mild steady inflation need not cause too great concern. . . ."

Third edition, 1955: "If price increases could be held down to, say, less than 3 per cent per year, such a mild steady inflation need not cause too great concern. . . ."

Fifth edition, 1961: "Price increases that could be held down below 2 per cent are one thing, but. . . ."

And on the TV program Meet the Press, March, 1961, Professor Samuelson said: ". . . if we can hold things down so that the official index of prices goes up by no more than 1.5 or 2 per cent, I shall be very content."

Some people hope the professor will keep talking and that his book will go through many more editions.

## Society Elections

Sharon Purcell, Richard Dillingham, Rosalyn Skelton and John David McGee were elected forensics term presidents of their respective societies at meetings last week.

Sharon, who is from Asheville, is the new president of Clio. She had previously held the offices of censor and marshal.

Others elected to serve with her were Sheila Hopkins of Raleigh, vice-president; Janice Eiland of Waynesville, secretary; Bobbie Ann Hohman of Louisville, Ky., censor; Margaret Bruce, chaplain; and Patsy Sparrow, Marjorie Davis, Becky Reynolds, Linda Elkins and Pat Dixon, marshals.

Moving up from the vice presidency of Philomathia is Richard Dillingham. Serving with him are Charles Carver of Roxboro, vice president who was secretary last term; Joe Mullaney of Charlotte, secretary; Ben Reed of Peekskill, N. Y., censor; and Wesley McMurray, chaplain.

Nonpareil's new prexy is Rosalyn Skelton of Vinton, Va., who was Anniversary-Reception vice president and C-I Term second vice president.

Marsha Byasse of Greenville, S. C., Gloria Rotan of Granite Falls, Gwen Franks of Bryson City, Blenda Troutman of Concord and Starr Keller of Granite Falls were named vice president, second vice president, secretary, censor and chaplain, respectively.

John David McGee, who is residing in Mars Hill with his missionary parents who are on leave from their post in Africa, is the new forensics term leader of Euthalia. He served as vice president last term.

Other officers of the black and gold group are Wayne Merchant of Spartanburg, S. C., vice president; Joe David Fore of Asheville, secretary; Tommy Moncrief, censor; Ed Alexander, chaplain, Harold Keown, chorister.



William Warfield, right, Mars Hill's well-received visitor last week, emphasizes a point with extended forefinger as he talks informally with (L to R) Willard Straight, his accompanist; Dr. Robert Hopkins, head of the music department; Carolyn Moore and Dixon Free. The discussion followed a reception for the guest artists in the lounge of the new auditorium and fine arts building after the concert.

## Twisting Baritone Star Exhibits Broad Mind

With the affability of a Bob Hope and the drawing power of a Rock Hudson, Mr. William Warfield, one of the nation's top baritones, not only sings, plays the piano and tells jokes, but can also do the twist. "The twist is fun," says the famed singer, "everyone is doing it in New York, even Benet Cerf. The twist is a release of inhibitions; even I can do it."

Unlike many others in his field Mr. Warfield does not believe that pop music is "bad" music. "There is good pop music as well as bad pop music just as there is good and bad jazz. Some of it is very good and satisfying while some of it is pure trash. More and more it is true that there is a wider expansion of musical taste. You no longer like classical or jazz or pop, but a little of each," he explained.

In his travels in Asia the renown baritone has noted more appreciation of music among the older generation than in America, while teenagers remain the same the world over. The difference between Asiatic teens and American bobby-soxers, he states, is that in Asia there is a stricter social and parental discipline applied to the seven-year set.

In considering his favorite composers Mr. Warfield has no particulars. "It depends upon my mood. Someday I may dislike Bach and get on a Mozart kick. I enjoy the French school and many American composers."

The spiritual blessing he receives from his singing is getting a boost in his current tour which takes him through Wyoming, Nebraska, Florida, Louisiana, and eventually to a musical festival in Puerto Rico.

## Lion Bites Dust; Loses Stone Nose

(ACP)—It's hardly safe for a lion on the campus these days.

The University of Southern California Daily Trojan reports: Most lions live in the jungle and have very few problems, but a lion at USC has a real dilemma. He's the stone lion who lives on the SAE front lawn. In two weeks he has been painted red, then black, has been incased in a concrete block, and finally was tarred and feathered.

Most lions would give up in disgust and return to the jungle, but the SAE lion has not even turned up his nose at this treatment. He does not have a nose. It was knocked off by a sledge hammer two years ago.

Many ways have been discussed by the chapter to defend its mascot, but the one with the most promise seems to be to buy him a set of dentures—and teach him to roar.

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