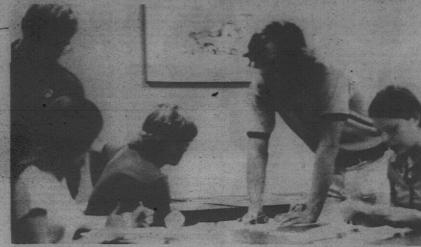
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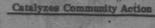
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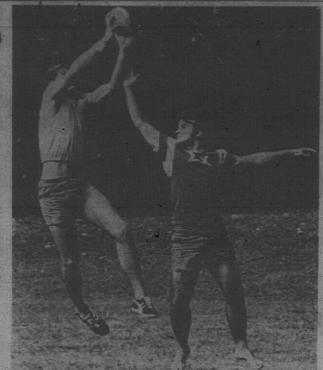
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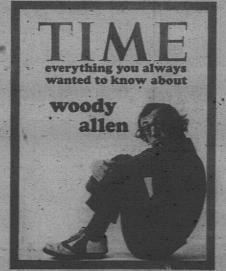
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In many ways the new statement, is a vast improvement over the The policy against discrimination by the College or by College gantzations is much stronger and more detailed. The provision at the College may not release any information from an individual's coord without his consent is an important guarantee of his right to livacy. The right of an individual to inspect his record for accuracy sures the fairness of College records.

In general, the new statement much more specifically delineates in extent of the rights of free expression, free movement and free alief. It contains promises of the right to hear speakers regardless it their views, to join such groups "as serve legitimate interests," and to have due process during disciplinary hearings. Most importantly, he new document, approved, will take precedence over all other regulations or procedures. A right guaranteed in the new statement can cot legitimately be subverted.

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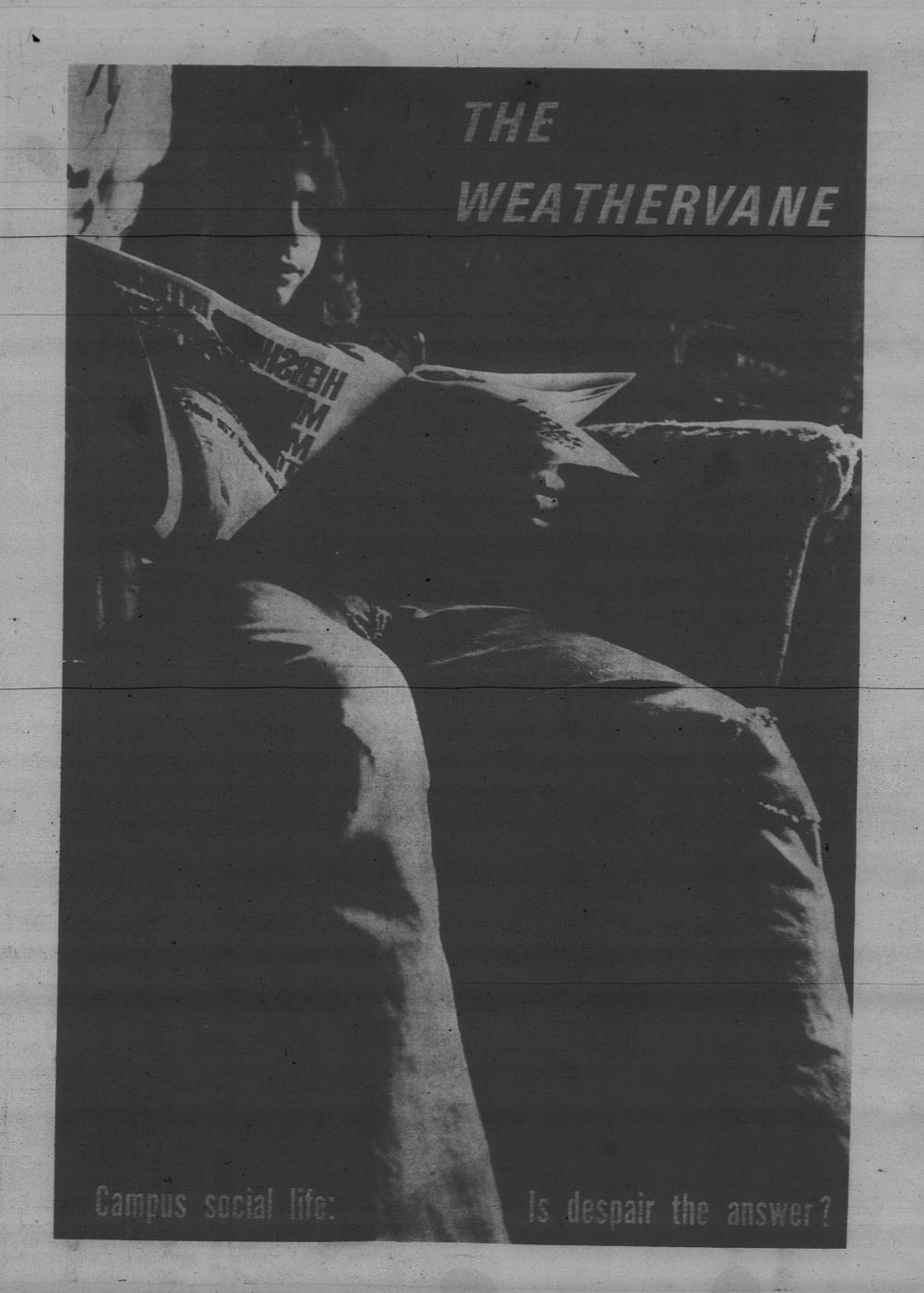
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### Letter

# Flat Hat Staff



# If only the guys weren't so nurdy...'

This issue of The Weathervane focuses on social life at the College. This article examines the campus dating situation from the female viewpoint, based in part upon informal interviews.

### By Julie Lillard

According to most William and Mary women, there is plenty of room for im-

provement in the social life of the College.

The complaints and reactions of the women fall into two basic areas: those concerning the social system itself, and those pertaining to opportunities for dating. Also, the opinions of those interviewed often followed a pattern based upon the class to which they belong

to date. As one senior put it, "If only the guys weren't so nurdy."

For the sophomore exists the legendary problem of "sophomore slump." Supposedly, sophomore men are so busy dating freshman women that the sophomore women are frequently dateless and sometimes even begin dating freshman guys.

However, most sophomore women have noticed no real difference in their dating lives at this point, other than the fact that they are not any better off than they were the previous year. Also, most instances of "cradle robbing" occur later on in the year when some of the class distinctions have broken down

on in the year when some of the class distinctions have broken down.

The freshmen seem to have few complaints, possibly because they have not yet grown accustomed to college social life. The mixers are considered to be good as a means of meeting other people, and possibly there should be more of them

for the freshmen.

Instead of playing the field, usually girls tend to date only one or two men at a time, and not usually by choice. One sophomore complained, "You date a guy twice and suddenly you're going with him." Even

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if there are no official ties of any sort, a man seems reluctant to ask a woman out if he thinks that she is dating someone else.

Perhaps the most frequently-heard gripe was about the lack of anything to do in Williamsburg. Most dates involve the pub, the movies, or a frat party, with little opportunity for variety.

Apparently, part of the problem of "nothing to do" is caused by the relative isolation of the college student. Lynn Melzer, a sophomore, cited the basic problem as one of transportation. "You're immobile; you can't get around."

Although much of the pessimism noted in these interviews is due to the fact that the College social life is improving very slowly, most respondants expressed a fundamental dissatisfaction with the campus social system as it now exists.



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# ...we're as good as anywhere'

Campus social life, with particular attention to dating, was also examined from the male point of view in selected inter-

### By Mark Reynolds

What is your opinion of social life at the College of William and Mary? a) It's great; b) It's non-existent; c) It's so-so;

d) None of the above. If you answered with any of the first three choices, you agree with the majority of students interviewed. If you answered with letter d, you probably were ready with a pedantic statement examining the absurdity of any such question or you were ready with an earthy remark aimed at the interviewer or life in general.

The result of questioning students concerning their feelings about social life as a phenomenon at the College leads one to realize that it is not so easily summed up with any glib journalistic phrase positively or negatively. Rather, opinions vary, not so much according to class or any

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such token distinction, but according to the individual, as this is certainly a very individual matter.

One sophomore voiced the opinion of many students when he said there was "just not enough to do around here." He cited the Hoi Polloi, the movies and an occasional campus dance as the only social functions available.

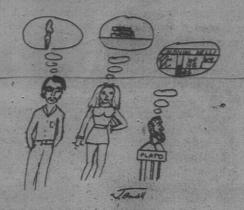
Tastes differ; life styles differ. Perhaps, the guy who has been born and bred in the big city finds Williamsburg quaint and tediously quiet, while the country boy feels that he is suddenly in a metropolis with more than enough to fill his social calendar.

Williamsburg, with its eighteenth - century air, certainly is not for everyone. One Student Association officer noted that Colonial Williamsburg really offers nothing for the College student, unless "he's some kind of oddball." One such senior oddball admitted that he "loved being close to CW" which offers not only its daily doorway into the past, but also frequent concerts



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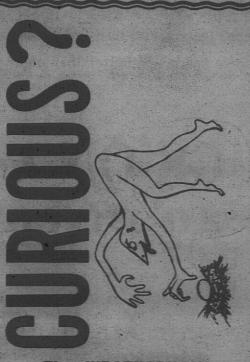
What should we infer? Only that there have been no great changes. The frats still have only minimal trouble filling their houses with people who believe in the great tradition of brothers and beer, while the independents seek their own means of personal satisfaction outside any set, initiated group.

One Board of Student Affairs member reflected on the fact that there seems to be a large percentage of people who do not date at all.

As should be evident, there were a great variety of responses on this issue. Some felt that not requiring sophomores to board in the cafeteria cut down on a great deal of opportunities for social exchange. Someone noted that it seemed like the same crowd was everywhere and felt that there were a lot of people that went nowhere. One transfer junior said this was a "great place to pick up girls," while a senior with three year experience said, You can't get a date."

A more introspective student ventured the idea that "the people who criticize the College as being boring probably haven't looked hard enough or been perceptive enough to find those people who make life interesting." Maybe so, since social life is people and the College has all kinds.

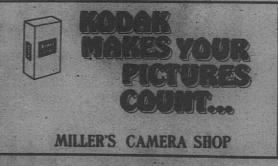
Another student government activist said, "I guess William and Mary is as good as anywhere, which may not be saying anything." He is probably right, if only because he is smart enough not to try to make a general statement about something that is not.



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Drugs are all over campus, and they are here to stay.

They are abhorred, enjoyed and abused in steadily increasing amounts on this and most other college campuses in Virginia.

There are many reasons for the tremendous increase of drug use in recent. years. Problems of adolescence, the desire to be "one of the group" and the dissat-isfaction with the rigors of academe all contribute to the student's desire to experiment -- or to escape.

The growth of campus counter-cultures is the most obvious result of increasing drug use. Less visible are the psychological changes within the user. Many times internal changes can be perceived only too late; other times an individual's experiences will lead to his psychological or spiritual betterment.

There are two crucial factors that determine what a drug will do for (or to) a person. One is the nature of the substance; the other is the psychological state of the individual, a factor which includes not only his temporary mood, but also his general dispo-sition, the character of his friends, and the individual's relationship with his peer

Many of the changes in social life that have occurred at the College in the past few years as a result of the nation-wide drug boom are not exclusive to this campus. Longer hair styles for both men and women and the easing of dress codes are examples of indirect effects that are visible over the

Yet the college campus affords a unique environment for experimentation and consumption of drugs. Although more and more teenagers are "turning on" in high school, the college environment offers for many the advantage of being without direct parental supervision for the first time.

New social cliques form around the dif-ferent .ugs and tend to undermine the éstablished social institutions on campus. The most widely used, and abused, drug on campus is alcohol. Its great popularity is due to its social and legal acceptance. Alcohol is the most readily available drug on any campus. Few students can get through four years of college without giving into the temptations of beer, wine or whiskey.

Liquor is the traditional adult "social lubricant."' Without it most parties would never get off the ground; in fact, they would

Alcohol is a depressant -- it slows re-actions and reduces awareness -- and is therefore is a health hazard for both the consumer and the motorist who must drive

on the same road as the inebriate.

An abundant social life awaits the drinker. He can choose from the fraternity-sorority system, the scene at the delis or at "the Pub," or casual drinking in the dormitory. Any one of these scenes can lead to alcoholism, a disease that exists everywhere. Unless he actively seeks help, the alcoholic disappears within himself.

Marijuana is by far the most popular illegal drug on campus. At least fifty percent of those students who spend the major-

ity of their college careers here will try grass, and over half of these experimenters will use it regularly.

By contrast to alcohol, grass is a stimulant. It heightens awareness. But it also alters reality. The authorities are not yet



Students puff on waterpipe: two heads are better than one.



# DRUGS ON CAME an inventory

sure whether or not grass is dangerous. The federal government has only had its best scientists running tests for five years or so. But ten to twenty million Americans like grass enough to use it regularly despite strict drug laws in most states, laws which for the most part are becoming unenforce-

Possession of grass (and its derivative, hashish) will probably be legal in some tes five years from now. At least two national organizations have been formed to work through legal channels in order to promote legalization of these substances.

Marijuana may handled be sold in these. smeday be sold in stores in Alcoholic Beverage Con-eby eliminating the primary sive counter-culture. But trol stores, thereby eliminating to need for a contesive counter-cut until that time, grass smoking continue to be a clandestine but it of William and Mary social life. cles will

The pressures on students to experiment with marijuana are similar to the pressures on them to try alcohol -- to be part of the group. Yet most people feel that use of alcohol is to some degree condoned by parents and society while use of grass represents the rejection of parental, social and legal rules of behavior.

That grass leads to harder drugs is debatable. We will not know for sure until grass is legalized, because the people who deal hard drugs are the same people who sell grass. But there is probably no more connection between grass and addictive drugs (i.e. heroin) than there is between mother's milk and the hard stuff. How-ever, one study published this summer indicated that, a larger-than-expected per-centage of heroin addicts started on the road to ruin through the use of alcohol.

The "flarder" but non-addictive drugs common to this campus include the psychodelics, the amphetamines (and other stimulants commonly called "speed"), and the barbituates (and similar depressants.) Acid, mescaline and psilocybin are the three common "psychedelic," "hallucinatory" or "consciousness - expanding" chemicals. Acid is the easiest to produce and is by far the most common. Mescaline is slightly nore popular than acid, but is more difficult to produce in synthetic form. In organic form, as refined from the peyote cactus, mescaline is rare on this and most campuses.

However, imitations of mescaline (many of which contain very harmful substances) outnumber real mescaline in sales here by at least two to one. Psilocybin is almost never seen in quantities on this campus.

Chromosome damage may still be the treat risk of acid tripping, while one study hints that this damage is caused only by certain impurities in the tablet orm of the drug. Probably as much of danger in the use of psychedelics is requency of unguided trips.

Psychological changes resulting from even the most pleasurable trips are complex and extensive. What may start as an extension of drug-related social life may completely transform the psychedelic user. If he is ready for rapid changes, his experiences can be profound and beautifully meaningful. But the user who is mostly concerned with thrills may stagate; at worst he will find himself in deep hole.

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"Speed" is used extensively on this camus to postpone sleep; thus enabling a tudent to study all night for a test or o write a paper. Steady users of amhetamines for thrills soon learn the truth the statement that "speed kills."

Barbituates and other depressants, now be biggest thing in American high schools, are also moved into campus. However, their illegality and "down" effect restrict their popularity with campus drug users accustomed to stimulants.

Cocaine is a narcotic that is difficult classify. It has anesthetic properties, at it increases certain drives, notably

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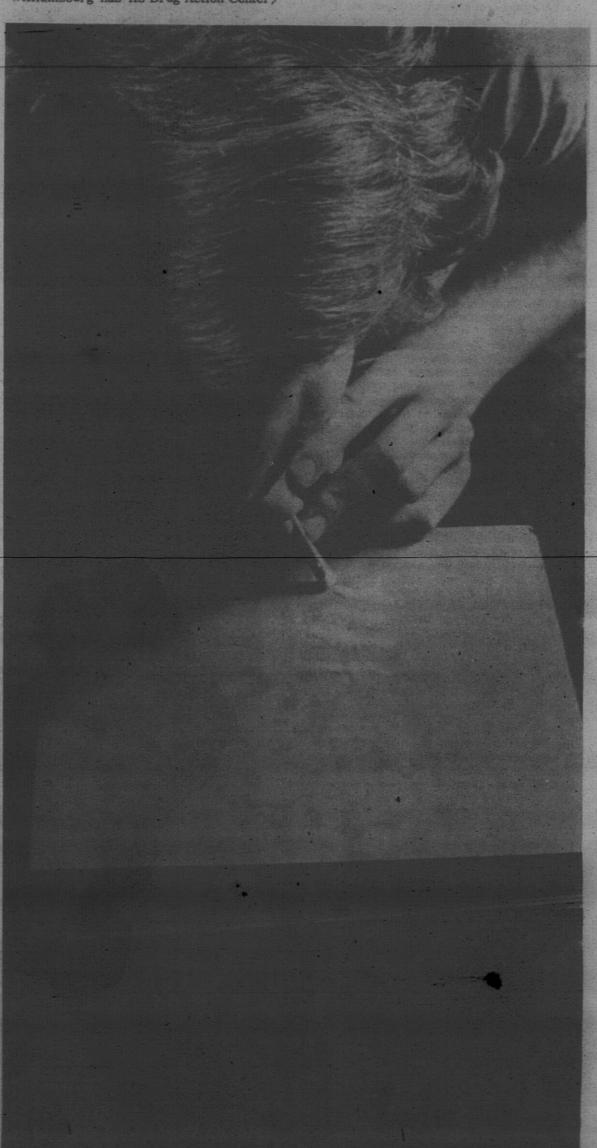
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hat can be done about the College drug lation? Since the drugs cannot be elimited, drug information will have to be atly improved and expanded. The College cannot condone or aid the use of gal drugs, but it must recognize the wing threats to mental and physical lith that accompany increased drug use. We college can meet these challenges equipping the infirmary and the psychological counceling service with appropriate

equipment and personnel. As a first step it must recognize the drug situation for what it is a significant element of William and Mary life with large potential problems. Williamsburg has its Drug Action Center.

a great community asset. But the College needs its own drug information and treatment agency, to get to the problem before it becomes a problem.



A rolled dollar bill aids cocaine-snorter

# Old frats never die; poor ones do

By Dan Coakley

"I see no prospect of the fraternity system dying out here. Social life here is centered on frats unlike some bigger

That statement, made by a recent Interfraternity Council rush chairman, is a rough consensus of most College Greeks' view toward the future of fraternities and sororities here. The question that comes to mind is why is the College so dif-ferent from the other major schools across the country, where students have abandoned the notion that they need social organizations to have social affairs, or even plain old fun?

But something here keeps the Greek system rolling right along beside the flow of Budweiser from the kegs on Saturday nights -- the College administration.

Last year the sororities argued extensively over whether or not they should have moved into the new dormitory complex, as they had been scheduled to do for some years. Many sororities did not want to commit themselves to filling a large house every year, noting the difficulties encountered by several of the fraternities to keep their houses full in the four years since fraternity row opened.

Some fraternities have worked themselves heavily into debt, because the College demanded that each fraternity pay rent on all rooms in its house, even if it could not fill them. Several of the smaller sororities would have been hurt badly, if such a rule had been forced

Sororities

By Linda Musser

Living rooms are not the only thing changing at the sorority houses. The sororities themselves are responding to the need for redefinition and revitalization, according to Panhellenic officers and several of the presidents of the College's nine

For nearly a decade, sororities have been nationally considered "out of vogue." says Tri-Delta President Jane Halblieb, because they have presented the image of social cliques and of stereotypes, an image at odds with the modern trend toward individuality and uniqueness. Though members do not view their sororities as cliques, they find difficulty in phrasing exactly how they do see themselves.

Most seem satisfied with saying that a sorority is defined by its members and that, according to Phi Mu President Ellen Shepherd, the "bond that makes us unique" from other sororities and from other groups on campus is "a feeling among the sisters of common interests and common experiences, but certainly not a demand for conformity.

Mary Alice Boisseau, president of Alpha Chi Omega, believes that in trying to overcome their problem of decreasing numbers, sororities have made themselves more relevant to social issues by increasing their emphasis on altruistic concerns.

According to Halblieb, the sororities are emphasizing the first semester as a "getting-acquainted period" for sorority and freshman women. This emphasis is an attempt to escape from the superficiality that has characterized rush in the past. Panhellenic Council President Cathy Stone agrees that this year's rush is more

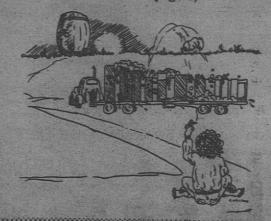
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relaxed and less superficial than ever before. "My freshman year, sororities tried to rush as images; this year they are rushing as individuals.

So far the relaxed approach and the effort to make rush more fun has interested more freshmen than last year's formality. The Panhellenic Council reports that the sixty per cent of the freshman girls signed up for the first rush function, a Panhellenic open house held last week, which approximately doubled last year's initial response.

Encouraged by the augmented interest shown by this year's freshmen, the sororitles are busy with redecorating and readying their houses to receive the freshmen for informal parties. There is still the concern, however, that even though the paint is new, the buildings will not stand

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# Project Plus: an alternative?

By Patty Kaericher

What evil lurks behind the walls of Project PLUS? Is it the den of iniquity feared by some cautious mothers, or is it merely another upperclass dorm?

According to members of the experimental co-ed residence hall, the Project is a forerunner of the style of social life that will one day predominate on campus, a break from the traditional dating situation. Explained Ron Gup, a sophomore in the Project, "We don't have a social life here-this is all natural."

Terms such as "the cummunity" and "group spirit" are heard frequently among the residents, and group outings from Sunday breakfast at the Cascades Restaurant to a proposed weekend bicycling trip tend to eliminate the inclination to break into twosomes. Housemother Sue Carron commented, "I don't think we'll see many boyfriend-girlfriend type relationships within the project, but instead

I'm hoping there will be a lot of close friendships."

Of course, one month in a co-ed dorm has not destroyed long held concepts of dating for many of the participants; an interesting point, however, is that most Project Plus couples began dating each other before they joined the experiment. One girl, who asked not to be identified, confided that she had quit dating one person because she found that they were going to be in the same dormitory.

"There are just too many hassles involved in that sort of situation," she said. "What if we had an argument--it would put a damper on the whole year."

Commented another student, "The problem with dating our guys is that you never really know when the date is over. Last year he only had to walk you to the door, and then you knew that was it; this year it's pretty strange to say goodnight at the door and then see him in the lobby watching t.v. ten minutes later. Even the next morning, he's right around the corner from you."

In many ways, living in Project Plus is just like any other residence hall--pop-corn parties, all-night rap sessions, fighting over whether to watch Love Story or Night Gallery and then discovering that the television is broken anyway. The dorm even has its own intramural volleyball team-co-ed, of course.

Most residents agree that the biggest advantages of the experiment lie in the

minor differences from traditional dorms. "What other guys on campus can say that they have a twenty-four year old house-mother?" queried Ron Gup.

Glen Evans noted that "this is the only dorm on campus where I can watch a girl brush her hair at three a.m."

Project Plus is not a den of iniquity to be shunned by all innocent souls; on the contrary it is thought by many to be the most wholesome situation on campus. After all, where else could one hear of plans for an eighty-four person, co-ed slumber party so innocent that the participants are considering inviting President Graves?



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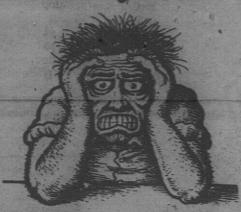
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Write Jack in care of The Weathervane,

Dear Jack,

I am a senior who has taken to drinking much coffee while studying. Could you tell me if there is such a thing as coffee addiction, and what are its effects? Signed - Sue Dear Sue,

Coffee can indeed become addictive.
The National Safety Council reports that
the abuse of caffeine causes over 50,000 traffic deaths annually. Symptoms common to long-term coffee addiction are loss of all body hair, blackening of the teeth, sterility, atrophy of the limbs and decal-cification of the spine. Furthermore, the subject's stomach commonly becomes riddled with moles and engorged with blood. In addition, it is believed that most "coffee freaks" eventually become heroin ad-

Dear Jack,

I am a sophomore and have tried a little grass (marijuana). I'm thinking of dropping (taking) some acid (LSD), but some friends have told me this causes chromosome damage. What do you say? Signed - Chuck Dear Chuck (Charles),

Go ahead and trip-out. If the acid doesn't bring on impotence, as it usually does, make sure you get a vasectomy.

I am a junior coed majoring in physics and planning on being a brain surgeon. I really dig studying but have been very distracted lately by guys calling me up for "dates." This nuisance has got me down to 10 hours of study a day, and this is particularly infuriating since I know they're only after my bod anyway. What should I do?

Signed - Virginia Dear Virginia,

I would suggest you gargle daily with garlic paste and start wearing Villager suits. This should get the message across. If not, go to an orthodontist's supply house and buy some brass razor-tipped braces. Should this fail too, transfer to Mary Wash-

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Perhaps you can settle an argument a few of the guys in the dorm have been having. I say there are no approximates. They disagree. What's the story?

Signed - Curious

Dear Curious, All that garbage you've heard about Spanish fly, rhinoceros horn, etc., is a lot of nonsense. Actually, the only agent capable of producing such phenomena is two quarts of hot peppers ingested within an hour. However, the only persons known to have done this and live are four women in a little village outside of Palermo, each of them widows with 37 children.

### Fraternities - continued

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In the end, the sororities decided not fraternity. There was no doubt about Sorority Court. They decided not to move knowing that several of their houses would need considerable renovation work within the next few years.

If this decision was right, what could have moved the fraternities to accept the responsibility of their present houses?
History shows that, unlike the soror?

ities, the fraternities had little choice in the matter. Until the new houses were built, fraternities had only the lodges, now used as classrooms behind the library, to house their president, a roommate and to use for social functions. The fraternities agreed that they needed to move into larger facilities, but they felt a large, off-campus house would be the

One fraternity ex-president, who served on committees that studied the issue in the mid-1960's, said that then fraternities often centered on "alcoholic repetitiveness. Students didn't do much then, so you had to get them together to learn to act as a group.

He pointed out that the service to the College community supplied by the fraternities was mostly symbolic, "because it was so hard to get them together with everybody spread over the four corners of the campus." The IFC felt that the fraternity houses would help the Greeks lose their stereotype, by bring the brothers closer together, thus making service projects easier to organize. Of course, he pointed out, "It was an artificial way to build a community, so it really never worked."

Several individual fraternities made plans to move to an off-campus house, but College housing and automobile regulations at the time prevented the actual move. Had these stronger organizations been able to move off campus, the re-maining weaker fraternities would have been hurt badly, and several would undoubtedly have died.

"The administration (under former President Davis Y. Paschall) was pro-

to move into the new complex and to it," he continued. The fraternities moved stay in the older and smaller houses on into the houses in 1968, and several mortalities were avoided, or perhaps, only

Today not all fraternities canfill those houses. The College has softened a bit and permits them to give up one, or even two, floors to be rented to other fraternities with an overflow or to transfer students who cannot be placed in the regular on-campus dormitories. For these transfer students there is no allowance made in the high rent they pay for they do not necessarily get to use the kitchen and lounge facilities, which may be marked "Members Only."

Even with such leniency, many fraternities are far in debt to the College, which puts their very future existence in question, for now those strong and wealthy fraternities are once again think-

ing about moving to an off-campus house. At least three fraternities have the money and the plans to find a suitable house near the campus to move into. Such a move would require a fraternity to raise over \$100,000 in donations and long term loans. Fraternities left on campus after the big ones leave, would be in a very bad position at rush time. Under such circumstances several would find themselves with a short life/expec-

The ability of fraternities to survive change. The healthy fraternities are the ones with a heterogeneous membership engaged in diverse activities. Only by remaining diverse and attracting many members can a fraternity hope to meet the financial obligations required in a large fraternity house.

It is probably only a matter of time before the strong fraternities move off campus. Whether the weak ones will die will probably be decided by the College administration as President Thomas A. Graves defines his position in relation to the Greek system. Change is in the air, and soon we may find a few Greek letters blown away in the breeze.

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