

# Open house policy ... Students express discontent

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A meeting of the Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday will consider problems arising from student dissatisfaction with the University open house policy, according to G. Robert Ross, dean of Student Affairs.

Ross's statement came after students of Schramm and Smith Halls presented opposition this week to the policy's Article Five, referred to as the open door and sign-out requirement.

"I certainly think we need to clear the air because there is a great deal of emotion and confusion about the whole policy," Ross said.

He added that the main conflict centers around what the Regents have said about co-ed visitation: in effect, an open house is not an open house unless all doors are open.

Ron Olds, student assistant of Schramm Four, said he plans to draw up a list of problems that arose during the floor's open house last Sunday and submit the list to the University housing office.

Olds said he tried to enforce the rules "to the letter," and added that the policy cannot be enforced as written.

Following Schramm Four's

action Sunday, the Schramm Hall senate adopted a resolution 10-1 Monday night strongly opposing the new open house policy with respect to Article Five.

The resolution also fully supported the principle behind the actions of Harper Hall last week in violating Article Five and seeking its rejection.

A similar resolution was passed by the Smith Hall senate Monday night which included that Article Five is an "unjust violation of the student's right to privacy and protection from undue loss or theft of property."

The Smith Hall resolution also states that it will pursue a course of action different from that of Harper in that it will wait until the Committee on Student Affairs as a whole has reached a decision on Article Five before the hall senate takes any further action.

The resolution adds that Smith Hall expects a decision to be handed down by the committee within a reasonable period of time "to be deemed by the organization of Ellen Smith Hall."

Olds said a majority of the problems that arose during Sunday's open house at Schramm stemmed from the open door policy. He said one resident reported his watch missing because he had to leave his door open while going to take a shower.

"One of the guys even walked up and asked me what to do because he wanted to take a nap. And about the only place you can change your clothes is in a study carrel," Olds said.

Another problem regards enforcement of the sign-out procedure. Olds said that a resident could come out of his room, sign out, return to

his room and close the door with little fear of being caught.

"We knock on all the closed doors," he said, "but if no one answers and the door is locked, we don't force our way in to see if someone is violating the rules."

Don Reibe, floor president said that one of the greatest problems relating to the floor is that two of Schramm Four's four officers are gone on weekends and that puts the other two in enforcing the rules.

"As I understand it, if the floor officers aren't available, the responsibility for enforcement falls on the student assistant, and I want to avoid acting as a police officer," Olds said.

## Social Calendar

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

TOWNE CLUB, SWEETHEART BEAT DANCE — 9-12 p.m.

WOMEN'S RESIDENCE ASSOCIATION, FORMAL — 9-12 p.m.

LOVE MEMORIAL HALL, SWEETHEART HOUSE PARTY — 8-12 p.m.

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## Harper designs program to improve dorm living

An experimental program in educational living, designed to improve the quality of education is being planned by Harper Hall for the 1968-1969 school year.

The Harper Hall Activities Committee has secured a vacant floor in Harper for this purpose, according to Curt Donaldson, committee member.

The University residence hall has a reputation for apathetic students and poor study conditions, he said. The ac-

tivities committee at Harper feels that the first step in improving the quality of education is improving the dormitory system.

"We feel that the dormitory fails to provide intellectual activity and adequate study conditions," David McKibbin, chairman of the activities committee, said this week.

The experiment is designed to supply an atmosphere for study and serious conversation on a variety of topics, according to Donaldson.

The program is open to both graduate and undergraduate students on a first-come-first-serve basis. He added that the committee is particularly interested in freshmen, however.

If the experiment is a success, the freshmen will hopefully continue to promote it, Donaldson said.

The idea of the experiment is to create a community of serious students which will provide educational activities for each other.

An organizational meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. in the Harper

Hall main lounge, Donaldson said.

If enough students show an interest in the experiment, more organizational meetings will be held this spring.

The idea, unique to the University residence hall system, has generated some interest in the University faculty and counseling department, Donaldson noted.

He added that faculty advisers and counselors will be sought to aid in the organization and supervision of the experiment.

"Nothing like this has ever been tried before. I think that there is sufficient disillusionment with dorm life so that it will work," McKibbin said.



Dave McKibbin

## IFC to participate in drug seminar

Interfraternity Council (IFC) will participate in a drug seminar March 17-19, Bob Bartee, IFC vice president, announced at Wednesday's meeting.

Panhellenic Council and the Inter-Dormitory Association will also participate in the seminar being organized by Rho Chi, the pharmaceutical honorary, according to Bartee.

He said that during the three-day seminar, students, including two representatives from each house, will be conferring with various authorities on the subject of drugs.

Representatives from the American Medical Association and from Student Health will meet with students on the first day of the seminar, March 17, to discuss the medical aspects of drug use, Bartee explained.

IFC president Sid Logemann later explained that IFC is participating in the program because it is of interest to members of the fraternity system.

Bartee said that a noted professor from the University of California at Berkeley

is scheduled to speak at the March 18 seminar.

The third seminar, to be held Mar. 19, will concern the legal aspects of drug usage. Members of the Food and Drugs Administration and the Highway Patrol will be present, according to Bartee.

Bartee also indicated that the conference will probably conclude with a panel and discussion session.

At the meeting IFC President Sid Logemann announced five new IFC committee chairmen. They are: Jack Layson, affairs; Terry Grasmick, Fraternity Management Association; Doug Peter, Pledge Education; Dick Campbell, expansion; and Ken Renner, publications.

Logemann announced that the interviews for the remaining committee positions will be held on Feb. 18.

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