

Roommates; or Know Your Enemy

You'd think that with all the progress we've made in the education game, somebody would have found a cure for roommates by now. But no. Roommates remain as big a problem today as they were when Ethan Mather founded the first American college.

(Incidentally, despite what you've heard, Harvard was not the first American college. Mr. Mather started his institution almost 100 years earlier. And it was quite an institution, let me tell you! Mr. Mather built schools of liberal arts, fine arts, animal dentistry and fintlock repair. He built a covered stadium for lacrosse that seated 200,000. Everywhere on campus was emblazoned the stirring Latin motto CAVE MUSSI-"Watch out for moose." The student union contained four bowling alleys, 21 horoscope machines and a 97-chair barbershop.

(It was the barbershop, alas, that brought Mr. Mather's college to an early and total end. The student body, alas, then as now, considered haircuts an Establishment hangup, and nobody set foot in the barbershop. The chief barber, Truscott Follicle by name, grew so depressed staring at 97 empty chairs that one day his mind finally gave way. Seizing his vibrator, he ran outside and shook the entire campus until it crumpled to dust. This later became known as "Pickett's Charge.'

But I digress. We were exploring ways for you and your roommate to stop hating each other. This is admittedly no easy task, and yet it is not impossible if you will both bend a bit, give a little.

I remember, for example, my own college days (Berlitz, '08). My roommate was, I think you will allow, even less agreeable than most. He was a Tibetan named Ringading whose native customs, while indisputably colorful, were not entirely endearing. Mark you, I didn't mind so much the gong he struck on the hour or the string of firecrackers he ignited on the half-hour. I didn't even mind that he singed chicken feathers during his prayers at dawn and dusk. What I did mind was that he singed them in my hat.



To be fair, he was not totally taken with some of my habits either especially my hobby. (I collect airplane tires and had, at that time, nearly 400,000 of them in our room.)

Well sir, things grew steadily cooler between Ringading and me. and they might actually have reached the breaking point had not we each happened to receive a package from home one day. Ringading opened his package first, smiled shyly at me and offered me a gift. "Thank you," I said. "What is it?"



Lutheran chapel additions ... "new approaches"

Lutherans dedicate additions

The growing congregation of the University's Lutheran Chapel should enjoy a more varied program as well as new approaches to their faith according to Rev. A. J. Norden, one of the chapel's pastors, thanks to the new worship area and remodeled student center dedicated Sunday afternoon.

Norden and Rev. David Dressel, the other pastor, served as liturgists during special ceremonies dedicating the \$360,000's worth of improvements. The worship

area now seats 400, double its former capacity. Two new offices, including a student work office, a library-lounge, a multi-purpose area, student study rooms, a relocated kitchen and an enlarged apartment area all part of the "Chapel on the Mall's" new look.

University Lutheran Chapel's first building at its present 15th and Q location was dedicated in November 1952.

The sermon at the Sunday dedication ceremony was delivered by Wilbert J. Fields.

Latin America trip focuses on Mayan, Spanish cultures

South of the border. . . down Guatemala and Columbia, South America way. That is where home economics and agriculture students are headed as part of a two-week tour sponsored by the Peace Corps and the students themselves.

The group will study the Mayan Indian culture of Guatemala and the Spanish culture of Colombia, according to William Colville, professor of agronomy, who is

agricultural mission in Colombia. Students will stay with rich and poor families to learn first hand how they live.

Two credit hours will be given for the trip if the students register for Ag 192, an independent study course. Students will be prepared for the course through weekly seminars, sessions in basic Spanish and pointers on writing articles for their home town newspapers.

Anyone interested in going

Secretary for Campus Ministry of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, in St. Louis. The building was presented for dedication by Rev. Vernold Aurich of Lincoln, Executive Secretary of the Synod's Nebraska District. Rev. F. A. Niedner of Seward, the district's president, officiated in the dedication rite.

Dennis Demmel, president of the chapel's campus congregation, also spoke.

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"Yak butter," he said. "You put it in your hair. In Tibet we call it gree see kidstuff."

"Well now, that's mighty friendly," I said and offered him a gift from my package. "Thank you," he said. "What is it?"

"A can of Miller High Life Beer," I said.

"I will try it at once," he said and did.

"Not bad," he said.

"It is even better when you open the can," I said and showed him how.

He consumed it forthwith. "Wowdow!" he cried. "Never have I known such mellowness, smoothness, amberness and generalized euphoria!"

"Have another," I said.

"Oh, I must not!" he cried. "Obviously a beverage of such splendor is made only for rare occasions and is therefore difficult to obtain and costly beyond the reckoning of it."

"Ha, ha, the joke is on you," I said. "Miller High Life is brewed every single day by plain decent folks just like you and me and is available everywhere at a price well within the most modest of budgets." "Golly," he said. "Sort of makes a man feel humble."

"Yes, don't it?" I said.

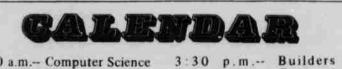
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Then silently we clasped hands, friends at last. I am proud to say we remain friends to this day. We exchange cards each Christmas and each Fourth of July, firecrackers.

We, the plain decent folks who brew Miller High Life Beer for plain decent folks like you, also bring you this plain decent column every week through the school year.

co-ordinating the trip. The agricultural oriented trip will also visit the University

on the trip which will begin June 3 should contact Colville in Keim Hall.



10:30 a.m.- Computer Science I, Nebraska Union 10:30 a.m.-- World in Revolution "Charles Goodell" Union

noon-- World in 12 Revolution-Luncheon, Union

12:30 p.m.- Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, Union 2:30 p.m.- Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Disorder, Union 2:30 p.m .-- Deans Search Committee, Union

2:30 p.m.-- World in Revolution "Donald Michael" Union 3:30 p.m .- Union Weekend Film Committee, Union

University Projection. Union 4 p.m.- Union - Foreign Film Committee, Union 4 p.m.- Builders - Calendar Committee, Union 4:30 p.m.- Tassels, Union 6 p.m.- Towne Club, Union 6 p.m.- Special Services Tutoring, Union 6:30 p.m.- Engineer's Club of Lincoln, Union 7 p.m.- Unicorns, Union p.m .-- United University Party, Union 7:30 p.m.- Prayer & Praise Group, Union 7:30 p.m.- Math Counselors,

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