

The Resident Jud Board

What Have They Done?

Judge For Yourself —

EDITOR'S NOTE:

We feel it is a necessity and the right of every dorm student to be informed of all the activities, correspondence, and all progress being made with the modernization of dormitory life.

Refer to the February 11 issue of the Liberated Press, p. 7, for the results and a report and analysis of the poll.

Dorm Students: Wake Up!

by Mark Bauman

WAKE UP, to the fact that if you want to change the existing rules now governing the dormitories - YOU are going to have to care enough to get involved. If the majority of dorm students don't honestly care about changing the rules then I say fine - KEEP the rules and the lack of student representation on the RESIDENT JUDICIAL BOARD the same. But if the majority do care, then I say - HELP those already fighting for your rights and wishes. See that ALL dorm students have a representative voice on your law making body, the RESIDENT JUDICIAL BOARD.

All we have to do is unite and work toward this common goal and believe me - our voices will be heard as one and our wishes will be granted.

If the students like playing high school, by this I mean, sneaking in and out female dormitories and hiding from counselors then I say - YOU DON'T BELONG IN COLLEGE. NOW ASK YOURSELF WHY ARE YOU HERE?... IF YOUR PARENTS DON'T TRUST YOU... THEN THEY SHOULD HAVE KEPT YOU HOME. I think we all want a chance to show our maturity and act responsibly here at college. I WANT MY CHANCE *** HOW ABOUT YOU?

In closing - for one moment think of someone other than yourself... respect each other as individuals, then and only then can we ever live in harmony.

The dates on these letters show a definite discrepancy

January 23, 1970

February 10, 1970

Board of Regents
Administrative Council
Faculty Senate
Committee on Resident Living

Dear Ted;

I am writing to you today because I have heard nothing from you personally or from the Jud Board about actions consequent to the Poll taken December 16, 1969, the results of which were given to you for distribution in December.

Regardless of any criticism on your part, and I understand that there is some of the Senate Residents Advisory Committee report, the poll is clearly mandate for action on the part of the Jud Board.

It is, I believe, both of our desire to see dorm rules reflecting the wishes of dorm students, I would formally request, therefore, that the Jud Board take immediate action to see that those rules in conflict with the expressed desires of the students are changed as soon as possible. I believe this could be accomplished early in March, I am making this request as Chairman of the Student Association Senate, but more importantly as an interested student.

I have trust that you were as sincere in your approach to serving the students of the dorms through the poll as we were. Action by you is needed to bring to fruition this endeavor.

Benedict M. Holden III

Dear member of one of the above;

I am sending to you for your information a copy of a report made by one of the Student Association Senate Committees and a poll taken by that committee on Residential Living on campus. The results of that poll are so startling that I believe they deserve the widest possible circulation among the decision-makers of the University.

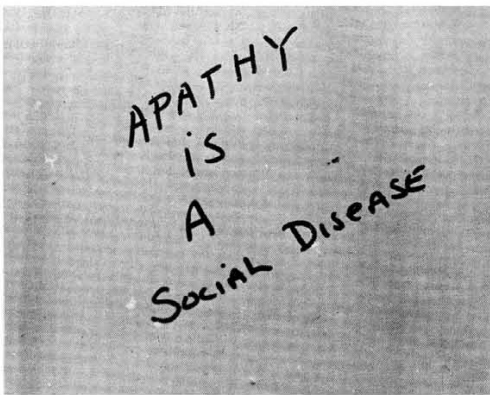
The poll was distributed to all dorm students on December 16, 1969 at simultaneous dorm meetings in all of the on campus dorms. There was no advance word given to the students about the poll. Approximately seventy per cent of all students in the residence took part in the poll.

It is interesting to note that the Residence Judicial Board, which is the only student organization having the power to call dorm meetings, insisted as a condition to administration of the poll that a question asking if students thought they had enough of a say in determining dorm rules and condition be stricken. The R.J.B. thought they were already doing all the job necessary to representing dorm students, and that the question could only undermine their position.

Perhaps even more astounding is the fact that the poll and report are entirely the work of a Senate Committee made up of freshmen and sophomore dorm students.

Of course, we all hope that all of the results of this poll will be examined, and that dorm rules will be changed so as to represent the majority views of resident students.

Sincerely,
Benedict M. Holden III,
Chairman
Student Association Senate



Attention: Dormitory Students

There will be an important meeting of the dormitory students on Thursday, March 5, at 7 p.m. in the Suisman Lounge of the Gengras Campus Center. This meeting has been called to discuss the recent opinion poll taken in December by the dormitory students and the reaction to it by both the Student Association and the Residence Judicial Board, as well as the representation crisis in the dormitories.

This is an open meeting and we hope something can be accomplished in the area of student representation and dormitory living. Your attendance will be of great value in resolving these situations.

Charles Levin
S.A. Resident Advisory Committee

Board of Regents - [Met Feb. 10, 1970, Approved Feb. 11]
Administrative Council
Faculty Senate
Committee on Resident Living

Dear Sirs:

The Residence Judicial Board regrets that it must respond to the Student Association's opinion poll for dorm residents (December 1969), and to Benedict M. Holden's letter which comments on the poll. But we feel that these documents are so full of error, so deliberately inflammatory, and so revealing of the philosophy and purposes of some members of the Student Association, that we are compelled to comment.

We cannot here offer a full analysis of these documents or of the situation which gave rise to them. We limit ourselves to a few observations:

1. Although the Residence Judicial Board has clear responsibility for the governance of dorm life, the Student Association unilaterally decided to administer an opinion poll for dormitory residents. When the Student Association approached the Residence Judicial Board and asked them to co-sponsor a poll, the Residence Judicial Board agreed to do so under the condition that the raw results of the poll would be discussed by the Student Association and Residence Judicial Board before any conclusions were drawn or any results of the poll released. Mr. Holden and the Student Association Committee totally violated this agreement when they summarized the results, drew their conclusions, and distributed these materials without the knowledge of the Residence Judicial Board. The Residence Judicial Board is disappointed in this breach of word and faith, for we wish to work compatibly with the Student Association.

2. The poll itself seems to us to be so transparent and naive that we find it difficult to believe that anyone might take it seriously. Ask anyone if he prefers to have three students in a dorm room built for two students: The answer would so clearly be no that one would not need a poll to ascertain it. The same is obviously true of every question in this poll. We know that when asked in a poll, women do not want desk duty, men and women do not want any curfews, and in fact they will express a preference for the abolition of almost any rule. We are not convinced by the way, that students will express the same opinions under other, more reasoned, circumstances.

3. It seems to us that Mr. Holden and the Student Association Committee arrive at three major conclusions. One is that existing rules ought to be radically altered, and new rules should include some co-educational living. A second conclusion is that the Residence Judicial Board consists of "so-called representatives" who are moving in a direction opposite from that of the students. We believe no such thing. We believe that the Residence Judicial Board is duly elected and representative, that it functions in the best interests of the students who live in the dormitories, and that in fact it is doing a very difficult job rather well. We believe that if we are moving in a diverse direction, it is from the philosophy implicit in the conclusions of Mr. Holden and the Student Association Committee. That philosophy seems to us to call for immediate compliance with their version of student desires; it would lead to a complete disintegration of all rules governing dormitory life. Under this philosophy dorm life would become chaotic and unbearable. The third conclusion of Mr. Holden and the Student Association Committee is more implied than stated. It calls for a committee composed of members of the Board of Regents, the Residence Judicial Board, and the Student Association, to consider the results of a trial program for co-educational living. In fact the Residence Judicial Board would welcome an opportunity to work with every segment of the University in coping with the problems of dormitory life. But we must express here our conviction that, unfortunately, we believe this suggestion to be motivated by Mr. Holden's desire that all matters pertaining to dormitory life ultimately come under the jurisdiction of the Student Association. Mr. Holden is well aware the Residence Judicial Board is not subsidiary to the Student Association, and we believe he is making, and may continue to make, a series of attempts to alter this situation.

Finally the Residence Judicial Board wishes to reiterate that it is eager to join with every member of the University in considering the problems which come before it. It is unfortunate that while Mr. Holden and the Student Association Committee may enjoy the luxury of calling, in the name of student rights, for the abolition of rules, the Residence Judicial Board must labor under the necessity of formulating and enforcing, in the name of student responsibilities, regulations for decent and comfortable dorm living.

The Residence Judicial Board would be willing to discuss all of these matters with anyone who cares to pursue them in detail.

Sincerely yours,
Theodore M. Mather, Jr.
Chairman
Residence Judicial Board

The Student Association merely gave the Residence Judicial Board the manpower, materials, and organizational framework to administer and tabulate the opinion poll.

According to the S.A. Chairman, Benedict M. Holden III, "What seems to be happening is that we are being attacked and our motives being questioned when all we want to do is find out WHAT THE STUDENTS WANT." BMH

GREATER PLEASURE

To the Jud Board Member who doesn't know when the next meeting is: It is on Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.