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Sex, Drugs and do as you're told!

By ERIN GOODMAN

For the 450 female residents of Shirreff Hall, a main topic of conversation over cafeteria lunch is that of residence rules.

Whether castigating the rules as being too strict, or criticizing their leniency, the majority of students do not seem to recognize their right to influence policy at the Hall. Pam Stonehouse, Dean of Women, clarifies one of the most controversial residence rules, the current drug policy.

A resident caught using drugs in Shirreff Hall can be reported by another student or staff member to the Dean, who will then take appropriate action.

"It's my responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities," explains Ms. Stonehouse. "However, in case of a report with no supporting evidence, my responsibility is to warn the individual that it (drug use) is a criminal offence.

Stonehouse has received no reports of drug use either this year or last, which she admits is not an accurate reflection of the current situation in the residence.

'I know that it exists because I've smelled it, but the extent to which it is used is not to my knowledge.

She sees her role in the crusade against drugs at Shirreff Hall as largely passive, and explains, "If we don't have any evidence to go on, we don't go looking for it.

the night under the roof of Shirreff Hall" Any infraction would result in the discontinuation of funding for the areas of the Hall built while she was alive.

According to Stonehouse, this explanation is completely false. but has become so firmly entrenched in the University community that it is even believed by members of the administration. Stonehouse advises, "If people want a major change, they have the right to go to the Residence Council.'

Sherry Golding, President of the Residence Council, is aware of student discontent regarding male visiting hours, and feels she is in a position to respond to their concerns.

"If students are concerned enough to have the rules changed, the Council has the power to alter the rules." Regarding the fictional clause in Mrs. Eddy's will, Golding comments, "It's the only explanation that's ever been offered to me. It's almost accepted at this point."

She feels that the confusion can be partially attributed to the fact that the previous Dean of Women operated on a largely unwritten policy. Current administrators are left with the difficult task of trying to assess the effectiveness of past policies and determine the rationale behind them.

Past councils have examined



Photo by Pat Savage

This is in accordance with Dalhousie University's low- profile attitude towards informing the University community about alcohol and drugs.

Shirreff Hall residents' main complaints seem to be directed towards the overnight male guest policy. Male guests are required to call for residents at the front desk, and must be escorted at all times on the dormitory floors by the residents.

After six p.m., they are to be signed in by their hostess, and visiting hours end at three a.m. for residents of the Old or New Eddy section of the Hall. Students in the Newcombe section of the building are permitted overnight male guests.

The reason for this discrepancy? A long-established rumour at Shirreff Hall has many students believing that a stipulation in Jennifer Eddy's will proclaimed, "...no man shall spend policy, due to a definite feeling of dissatisfaction in the hall with the system. A survey carried out on residents several years ago revealed that 75% of the population felt that an overnight male guest policy should be implemented. However, in an interesting twist, it was revealed that 69% of residents were opposed to the signing in of more than one male guest after 3:00 p.m.

In response to the ambiguity of existing policies at the Hall, a policy committee has been initiated to look into rules, regulations and services. As well, a Responsible Freedom Committee has been established to examine ways for students to handle disciplinary problems that occur in residence in an even more responsible manner.

Through these committees, Sherry Golding hopes to raise student awareness of policy, and move towards more student autonomy in Shirreff Hall.