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When Do We Eat?

While the results of the dormitory food questionnaire have not overwhelmingly pointed the way to any major changes in dormitory food policy, we would like to commend the dormitory executive council for having carried through a campaign which was called for by a group of Barnard students.

Sixty-one percent of the dormitory residents returned their questionnaires. This is not an exceptionally good return on a poll which seemed to touch the heart of a vital problem. However, it is to be assumed that most of those residents expecting to be in Brooks or Hewitt Halls next year responded. The questionnaire did not list all possible combinations of meals and allotments, but those with strong opinions on the matter had the opportunity to write in their thoughts.

We know that any changes in the unit allowance procedure for breakfast and lunch such as those tentatively promised by the administration will be small ones. Much heat, as well as much light, has been generated over this controversy, and it may seem to some that the results have not been radical enough. It must be kept in mind, however, that the opportunity to at least suggest radical changes to the trustees was offered to dormitory residents. It is not for us now to say whether or not suggested student change would have been immediately accepted or not; we can, however, say that dormitory executive council set up the machinery; if it was not used at the crucial time which has just past then it never will be used. Student government has the peculiar characteristic of effecting change only when students give it thought and time.

Dormitory Committee Releases Meal Questionnaire Tabulation

Residence Halls Unit Allowance, Substitutions Council Finds Considered as Changes in Plan Dissatisfaction

That "the results of the questionnaire have proven conclusively that the majority of the dormitory students are dissatisfied with the present food plan" was stated last Tuesday by the Dormitory Executive Council when the results of the meal plan questionnaire were made public.

The Council went on to state that "No radical change is acceptable to a large number of students, and those who do support a radical change are unwilling to back it financially."

According to the Council, chaired by Pat Spencer '59, "since the unit allowance plan is most popular, dorm exec is working with the administration to affect this change." It is hoped that the questionnaire will prove to have been an adequate representation of dormitory feeling.

As a result of the meal plan questionnaire, the administration has agreed to institute a limited revision in the food allotment arrangements for dormitory residents, according to Pat Spencer '59, Dormitory Executive Board president.

Beginning in September, a student will be permitted to divide her bulk food allowance for lunch and dinner into any proportions that she feels are suitable. Every resident will be required to maintain her original arrangement throughout the year.

Revise Allowance

Entering freshmen will be granted a trial period in which to determine the sums most convenient for them. The allotment revision will not require a change in the existing dormitory fee. Responses to the meal plan questionnaire, the second distributed during this academic year, indicated an objection to bearing price increases which blocked more radical revision.

Substitutions

Members of the Dormitory Executive Board, representatives of the administration, and Miss Eleanor Smith, Barnard dietician, will meet to consider further changes in dining hall arrangements. Menu substitutions will be among the issues discussed. Full details of the administration of the new allowance plan have not yet been completely worked out. One suggestion has been to issue different colored cards to individuals with different unit allowances.



Pat Spencer

'Bulletin' has published this special issue in view of the release of the results of the dormitory food questionnaire, and of student opposition to the breaking of ground for the new library building before commencement. We hope that this publication will inform the student body of the facts behind Barnard's two largest campus issues.

Jungle Loss Causes Tears



Death of a Campus

Ground has been broken at Barnard. The demolished ground includes the major part of our North lawn and half of our much-beloved Jungle. We protest the commencement of construction at this time on the basis of both sentimentality and practicality.

No one who has not been a Barnard student can understand the place the Jungle holds in the hearts of the undergraduate community. It was the one place on campus where we could escape from the brick and cement which constantly surround us. Now it is only a mass of mud. We understand, we accept, we applaud the force of progress which will supply us with a fine new library.

In a short while, friends of Barnard and parents of seniors will visit the College for graduation exercises. These people will leave with the idea of bulldozers and excavation overrunning the Barnard grounds. Many of them will not have an opportunity to view the result of this construction.

The Classes of 1963 and 1969 will not be able to reap the benefits which will be provided by the new library. The Class of 1963 will be the first to enter Barnard upon completion of the new building. If the building schedule had been postponed for one month, this class would have to endure the discomfort of waiting to use the new plant. We hope that it would not have been unfair to ask these students to make some small sacrifices for the new structure.

College President Tells of Problems In Building Plan

Voicing the opinion of sorrowful students and faculty, Miss Inez Nelbach, advisor to the Class of '61, remarked, "There's absolutely no excuse for not waiting another month," when speaking of the destruction of the Jungle.

The tight construction schedule made it impossible to defer excavation until after exams and graduation, according to President Millicent McIntosh. In defense of the sale of the Riverside-Clermont property on 119th Street, which could have been used for the present expansion, Mrs. McIntosh cited three main reasons. Building on that land would have entailed exorbitant costs, and after a study of feasibility-student opinion, it was decided that building a library on campus would have discouraged its use. Finally, Barnard has been taking part in the plans to be handled by the Manhattan Community. It is hoped that the two men and what other workers later to move into the apartment building on the lot will establish a permanent shop being standards.

Debate continues on campus as to the construction that the Jungle will be replanted, and the plans against the construction plan. Professor Donald D. Rouse, of the Biology Department, said that the construction of a new building would be a disaster for the Jungle. He said that the new building would be a disaster for the Jungle. He said that the new building would be a disaster for the Jungle.

Food Questionnaire Elicits Varied Resident Responses

The questionnaire concerning eating facilities in the Brooks-Hewitt cafeteria, the results of which are announced today, was distributed to 361 dormitory residents on April 18. Sixty-one percent of the 216 replies received stated that the students were dissatisfied with the present plan.

A majority of the students were willing to accept the present plan with a slight modification in the unit allowance. Fifty-two percent said that they would be willing to continue at the present plan if the unit allowance were raised to \$1.50 per week. The remainder could not be classified as to their dissatisfaction.

The questionnaire included questions on the subject of substitutions. The results of the questionnaire were as follows: 70 percent of the students would be willing to support a change if it necessitated a raise of approximately \$100 in the room and board fee. The results of the survey indicated that the residents were unwilling to pay the increase a radical change would involve. Of the replies 20% favored a completely voluntary food plan. This would mean that the cafeteria would be open daily to sell food at a low price which would be at least thirty percent more than what residents now pay for food.

Stephanie Botzow

Stephanie E. Botzow, a member of the Class of 1961, had an accident May 4, in Memorial Hospital. Miss Botzow is a daughter of Mrs. Robert S. Botzow, 100 West 11th Street, New York. Her father is a member of the Class of 1907. She is a member of the Class of 1961. She is a member of the Class of 1961.