CANFIELD HALL

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Dorm escort policy problem-free so far

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After being in effect for two quarters, Mack and Canfield Halls' no-escort policy has posed no problems so far and will probably be reinstated next fall, Monica O'Brien, 1986-86 Mack-Canfield Hall Council president, said.

The previous policy for the South Campus all-women dorms was that all men had to be escorted everywhere in the building by a dorm resident.

When a major policy change affects all residents, a two-thirds quorum vote must be taken by the residents, according to the Mack-Canfield Hall constitution.

Four possible escort systems were voted on by residents: no escort, an escort at all times and two variations of a pass escort system.

"I like it the way it is because I don't have to run out and get someone who's waiting on me," Condra Mace, a sophomore from Chillicothe, said.

"With a no-escort policy, there is an element of surprise when a guy comes to visit, because now he doesn't have to call for an escort first, he can just knock on the door," Julie Baird, a sophomore from Salem, said.

Although there is a no-escort policy, the doors to Mack Hall are locked 24 hours a day, since the closing of the dorm's front desk.

Visitors usually enter the building at the Canfield Hall entrance, which faces West 11th Avenue.

There has been a 10 percent increase in damage to the public areas in the dormitories since the no-escort policy began, but the damage cannot be linked to the policy, Pam Sprung, Mack-Canfield Hall director, said.

Natalie Pauft, a senior from Lima, said the new freedom for male visitors has solved one problem. "You don't have to hold their hand while they go to the potty," she said.
LOOKING BACK

Of grace and charm

By David Tull

When the Board of Trustees approved plans for Mack Hall in 1921, the specifications were clear on one point: "All work shall be done in the best and most skillful manner, exactly as specified or detailed . . ." The specifications listed interior marble stai n, terrazzo and hardwood floors, and woodwork of the best white oak or birch. The exterior design was English Tudor, with red brick, cut stone, and heavy slate roofing.

Nearly two decades later, Canfield Hall was built so that it connected to Mack and reflected the same quality. The two residence halls form a complex.

The architectural style and attention to detail may be among the elements that have made Mack/Canfield complex so attractive to women students through the years. In some families, successive generations of women have called Mack/Canfield as their campus home.

"There is a sense of tradition and history here," said Teresa West, residence hall director for Mack/Canfield. "Women have the feeling that they belong here. There's a sense of family and ownership. The minute they move in, these women have a feeling that they belong here."

Except for one year during World War II when army training were lived there, the complex has housed women only.

"Mack/Canfield has not changed from its original all-female residence style," West said. "Some students prefer that environment. "There is a sense of "This is my place," she said. "It is a peaceful, comfortable, and at home both day and night," West said.

The unique house of Mack/Canfield attracted English major Barbara Tengna of Sudolf. She was president of the Mack/Canfield Council for the past two years.

"These residence halls are unique on campus," she said. "The Tudor style is aesthetically pleasing and no two rooms are exactly alike. There's even a library in the basement!"

Residences are a diverse group, she said, which leads to opportunities for a variety of social and academic activities.

Because the complex is all-female, there is a sense of unity. "People take care of the buildings. They keep them clean and it's quiet. There is high participation in hall council—we usually have about 75 to 80 percent attendance at meetings."

The delight in Mack/Canfield bridges generations of students. Barbara Doss, of the University Archives staff, recalls living in Mack Hall from 1960 to 1963. "It was like living in a castle," she recalled.

"I particularly remember the look of the wood. It was real wood—dark, dark, and polished," she said. "We had lounges that were like living rooms and even a piano room. Sometimes we'd sing around the piano, and we had a hall chorus."

A look at the history of Mack/Canfield provides an interesting look at the history of the University. The need for women's housing was outlined in the 1899 annual report of President E. C. Ellet. "If Canfield, for whom Canfield Hall is partially named, were a college, the University's first half-century of operation had just been celebrated. Enrollment in 1921 exceeded 7,000 for the first time. It was the first year for the four-quarter calendar."

Mack Hall was designed to house 120 students. With several additions, the hall now houses about 200 women.

The building is the source of John Talman Mack, a long-time and well-expected member of the University's Board of Trustees. Mack was appointed a trustee in early 1950 by Governor William McKinley, who would become the 25th U.S. president. Mack's appointment filled the vacancy left by the death of Robert B. Hayes, the 19th U.S. president and president of Ohio State's Board of Trustees when he died.

Mack served on the board continuously for 21 years and was still a trustee at the time of his death in 1954. He never missed a meeting until his final illness.

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Mack Hall was built as a four-story structure that included parlors, servants' quarters, a dining room, kitchens on each floor, and a gymnasium. The building cost was just under $200,000. In 1962, with help of a $45,000 federal grant, an extension was added. The addition included a new wing, with a distinctive feature of the complex. But the tower design was not popular with trustees and in 1964 they questioned its appropriateness.

Board Chair Newton D. Baker, one-time U.S. Secretary of War under President Woodrow Wilson, called the tower a "candle snuffer" and recommended its removal.

"The idea was to have a strong factor in the building's charm. The addition facing Eleventh Avenue contains several of the complex's most striking features, such as copper balconies, patterned brickwork, and an unvisual window set vertically in a window area."

Canfield Hall was built in 1940.
Two women’s dorms allow men overnight

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Freshman Davieda Yarbrough has something to celebrate. Starting this weekend, Yarbrough’s fiancée will be able to spend the night with her in her dorm room.

Canfield Hall, where Yarbrough resides, and Mack Hall have changed their policies for male visitors. Most dorm residents can now have men spend the night on weekends. Before, these visits were prohibited.

One wing of Canfield Hall, Canfield 3 East, will continue to be a restricted area. Most of the women in the wing oppose the restriction policy, but they are not upset enough to move, said J.J. Curtis, the wing’s resident adviser.

“A lot of us don’t want to move because we all have friends on the third floor, and we don’t want to lose contact with them,” said resident Sheila Wilford, a freshman majoring in education.

“The whole problem stems from the Office of Contracts and Assignments,” said resident Lanee Bower, a communications major. The office is sometimes unable to meet students’ requests for coed residence halls. For instance, Bower said she requested to live in a coed dorm on North Campus but was assigned to live in Canfield.

The residents of Canfield were given a survey earlier this year and asked what type of visitation policy they preferred. Canfield 3 East had the most residents that favored a restrictive policy, said Karla Klein, Canfield’s assistant hall director.

Some Canfield 3 East residents oppose the new policy. “Five nights a week they have it their way,” said Beth Worthing, a freshman business major, referring to the women who prefer the restrictive policy. “I don’t understand why two nights a week we can’t have it our way.”

Klein said the women were given the option to move. They will be given priority for this quarter and Fall Quarter if they decide to move. “We tried to accommodate the needs of all the residents,” she said.

Tony Greenslade, the manager of Contracts and Assignments, said there have been about 10 people who have moved because of the policy change in Canfield 3 East.

Klein said that under the new policy the residents can have a man spend the night on Friday or Saturday if they complete a guest visitation pass before 11 p.m. The guest period ends at 1 a.m. for guests without a pass.

Laura Strauss, a freshman in nursing, said some women prefer the restrictive policy because they feel uncomfortable with a man staying in the dorm overnight. Strauss said they should not be concerned.

“If my boyfriend came to visit he wouldn’t be visiting other girls on the floor,” Strauss said. “He would be visiting with me in my room or he would be in trouble.”

Barrett Hall, the only other female dorm on campus, has the same limited visitation policy as Mack and Canfield have now adopted, said Al Schreiber, the dorm’s hall director. However, the dorm does not have any restricted areas.
Farewell

A student passes through the iron gate between Canfield and Bradley halls.
Gee excites Canfield Hall slumber party

By Gabrielle Williamson
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The last time OSU President E. Gordon Gee spent the night in a dorm someone pulled a fire alarm hoping to see him in his pajamas.

On that night last spring, residents in Baker Hall were disappointed — Gee had homework and was in his suit and bow tie at 2 a.m. when the alarm went off.

Tuesday evening, the women of Canfield Hall didn't pull any false alarms during the 45 minutes they spent asking Gee about the university.

The women of Canfield were nervous, surprised and excited to see Gee in their dorm.

As he made his way through the halls, he stopped in several rooms to chat. A voice cried out from one room, "Dr. Gee, we've been waiting for you!"

Residents questioned Gee on safety issues, tuition increases and parking problems. They also asked if he had ever tried the human Velcro trick.

Gee said he tried the trick, but didn't stick to the wall.

One resident questioned the president about the potentially negative message his visits to campus area bars could send to students.

Gee responded by saying it was his duty to examine all areas of the campus.

"I want those bar owners to know that even the university president is coming in to make sure they are doing things right," Gee said.

Canfield resident adviser Alaena Bowser said she wanted the students to get to know Gee.

"I think this gives residents an opportunity to see him, as a powerful university person on a one-to-one basis," Bowser said.

Gee said on Wednesday he had slept well and enjoyed his stay in Canfield, including his breakfast in the dorm's commons.
Student health fair hosted tomorrow at Mack/Canfield Hall

Door prizes given to those attending this year’s event

By Jody Elliott
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Ohio State students both male and female will learn how to take care of their bodies and their minds at the Women’s Health Fair at Mack/Canfield Hall.

The fair, now in its second year, will be held on Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m. Booths and exhibits will be set up in the Canfield Hall lobby and outside in the courtyard. The fair is open to all OSU students and admission is free.

The fair was organized because many of Mack/Canfield Hall's female-only residents are freshmen and are away from home for the first time, said Katherine Rath, Mack/Canfield Hall director. Many students may have taken for granted how to take care of themselves while at home, Rath said.

"Mom made your doctor appointments for you, made sure you ate right," she said. "Now, you must do it yourself."

The fair is not exclusively for women. There will be presentations pertaining to men, including cholesterol and blood pressure screenings, AIDS information and ways men can prevent rape and what a man can do if he is raped.

Rath said they are not sure how many students attended last year, but this year there will be evaluations for students to fill out so fair organizers can keep track.

The evaluation form also serves as an entry into a drawing for door prizes. Exercise videos, books and a stair step machine will be among the prizes given away.

Presenters at this year’s fair include Rape Education Prevention Programming, Planned Parenthood, and the Columbus AIDS Task Force. Information available will range from learning about midwifery to African American hair care to what to expect at a gynecological exam.

Kristie Evans, a Mack/Canfield resident adviser, said University Medical Center will be sponsoring Robyn Morrison, a representative for holistic health with the OSU Medical Center, to speak about methods of holistic healing, including meditation, hypnotherapy and stress management.

Joe Weasel, a motivational speaker from Humor Consultants, Inc., will be the keynote speaker. Weasel will speak from 5 to 6 p.m. in the courtyard behind Mack/Canfield Hall. The focus of his speech, "Humor: Your Key to Making it Through the College Years," is "how to stay positive, healthy and happy in the time of change through the college years," said Lanes Bowser, a Mack/Canfield resident adviser.

"We want students to come away learning something new," Rath said. "We want them to enjoy it, not just see it as a dry lecture, but to find the information they want to find."
Pump up

Carrie Lux, a freshman in exercise science, checks her blood pressure at the Women's Health Fair in Mack/Canfield Hall Wednesday.