

A Man's World?

Women's Dorm Tour Offers New Horizons

By Stan Turnbull

"And this is the men's smoking room, with its own washroom."

At last I felt at home. The plumbing was familiar.

For this was the last stop on a conducted tour of Carson Hall, new women's dorm. Of the as-yet-uninhabited first floor, to be more precise. And it had been interesting, though bewildering.

Stair-steps leading up to the blank wall on the inside of closets? Simple; they're for shoes.

Sliding doors on the closets? No one gets whacked when their roommate pops unexpectedly out of the closet. Saves space, too.

MALE'S IMPRESSIONS

In addition, combination-lock lockers lining the halls, Bendixes, kitchenettes (quite small, quite complete), overalled workmen, and a lobby that looks like it hoped to grow up into a hotel. These add up to a male's impression of the new dormitory for women.

The building is concrete, all covered with bricks. The front steps are also concrete, and as I walked up them I tried to phrase some questions in my mind. Two girls passed on their way out. I started over again.

FIRST-FLOOR TOUR

A helpful girl on phone duty in the hotel-like lobby introduced me to Genevieve Turnipseed, director of dormitories. Forgetting any tricky questions, I followed around the first floor, which is still largely unfinished.

The building is nearly self-sufficient. With a few machine guns in upper stories, it could withstand siege. It has or will have its own dining room, kitchen, bakery, individual laundry and light-cooking facilities, hair and clothes driers, and an elevator.

The elevator is practically the last word. Arrows show the direction it's going, and little numbers indicate the floor at which it's perched, but not why. Recent overhauling has enabled it to reach the fifth floor.

Style changes are apparently prepared for, too, for each closet has two bars for hanging clothes, one higher than the other. As skirts get shorter, presumably they can be hung on the lower rack, or something. Lockers in the halls hold excess and out-of-season clothing.

"Honored seniors," Mrs. Turnipseed said, will live on the first floor when it is completed. She didn't specify where the honor came in, unless they are on their honor not to sneak out.

Washrooms appeared quite complete, apparently. Upstairs (no personal investigation) there are two tubs, two hair dryers, two Bendixes and dryers, plus showers, in each 20-girl unit. The living unit on the

Riot Account Set Tonight at YWCA

The Peekskill, N.Y., riot over Paul Robeson's appearance will be discussed by an eye-witness at 7:30 tonight at the YWCA, Gerlinger Hall.

The American Legion protested Robeson's appearance for a concert in that city, and his performance was marked by rioting.

Robert Nissen, Oregon State College student, was visiting relatives in Peekskill at the time, and saw the riot. His talk is sponsored by a group of Oregon students interested in civil rights.

A movie on minority groups under the Nazis, starring Paul Lucas, will be shown after the talk.

So, with many a laugh and cheer, the male's-eye view of Carson hall drew to a close.

first floor will house 12, and fixtures are scaled down accordingly.



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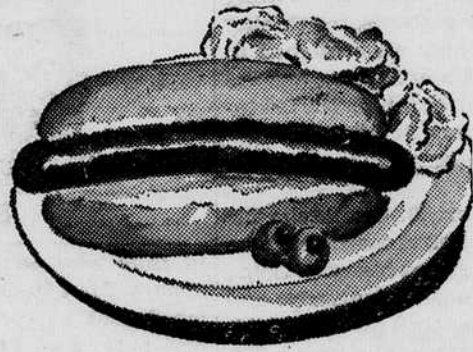
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