

'It's a Great Life,' Says Carson Hall Watchman

Many men on the University of Oregon campus would give their eye teeth for the job of Edward H. Byrne. This little man dressed in green is the only man allowed to spend all night, six nights a week, in Carson Hall.

"It's a great life," Byrne said. "The girls are all nice."

Byrne's official job consists of locking the doors at closing hours, letting in late comers, taking a tour of the outside of the building every hour, and sweeping and buffing the lobby floor after things have settle down.

Watches Cars

Besides these official duties, Carson's "house father" keeps an eye on the cars belonging to the residents, listens for alarm bells, chases off eager males, and helps solve numerous other problems for the girls.

One week-end night about 15 minutes before closing hours, some pranksters took the elevator up to fifth floor and turned it off. Within a few minutes there was a crowd of girls standing around the elevator floor in the lobby wondering why it wouldn't come. To Byrne fell the task of climbing all the way up to fifth to locate the trouble.

'No Problem

He says there's really "not much of a problem around here," but lately he's been chasing away some fellow who has been shining his spot light in the girls' windows. One night near the end of last term, he caught several men with a long ladder trying to climb in the windows of second floor in D unit.

Life really doesn't get very monotonous in the shift from 10:20 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., according to the little man in glasses. The past week he has been scrubbing and waxing the floors in preparation for Dad's Weekend. Many times when there are tests the next day girls will take a break from their

studying to talk to him. On birthdays or other late celebrations, "Mr. Byrne" usually is presented with some of the refreshments and often Mrs. Stokes, head resident, brings him a snack. He never brings a lunch with him.

Born March 12, 1898, the combination janitor-night watchman has two married daughters and

four grandchildren. Before taking the position at Carson, Byrne was a logger in the woods around this area. He now lives on River Road and drives to work each day.

Requests

The most frequent request Byrne gets late at nights is for change and he usually keeps some on hand for the girls. One night

someone called twice asking for Piluso's. He doesn't mind at all letting University theater workers, baby sitters, and Emerald workers in late, and there is someone late almost every night.

When asked what he liked best about the job, Byrne replied, "Watching the girls come in at nights, I guess."

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