Committee Considers Policy Change . . .

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the counselor is told to take in the event of misconduct is to warn that student. He said, "violation of quiet hours composes about 95 per cent of these actions of misconduct."

"Really," Williams said, "in the case of quiet hour violations, the counselor is encouraged to tell the student who has made the complaint to go and warn the violator himself.

"If that doesn't work and the violator is still making noise, then the counselor should warn the student that it is a violation of quiet hours," Williams said.

If, after warning the violator, the noise still persists, the counselor is "very likely to campus that student for one of the weekend nights as a sanction," he said.

Williams told the Committee that under the spirit of the Conduct Code, "counselors are encouraged to have the students accept the responsibility for this kind of misconduct. . . . If after exhausting this situation and the violation is not corrected, then almost by default the counselor has to take the action."

Another point discussed was that the counselors are encouraged to do any sanctioning inside the student's own room, and not before the rest of the students.

Right to Appeal

Williams said in the case that a dormitory resident is unjustly campused, "which is very much an exception to the rule," then the student, by reading the Code, knows he has a right to appeal to the minor court if he wishes.

He said, "any time a student feels his counselor has really done him in, then of course the counselor is told to refer that student to his supervisor, to the head resident, or possibly to me."

Nickerson also asked Williams if it had ever happened that a counselor had used "mass punishment . . . if nobody tells who did this the whole place is campused?"

"Not to my knowledge," Williams said. "In the particular case at Henderson there were sixteen men sitting in the hall after quiet hours and they were very noisy. The counselor told me at the time he was prepared to let them sit there as long as they wanted, until the girls from Caswell, the adjacent dormitory, called and said it was so noisy coming through the end of the hallway that they couldn't study."

Williams said at that point the counselor went out and told them to go back to their rooms, "and apparently they didn't budge, and he said he wanted them to know that he wasn't above campusing all sixteen of them for violation of quiet hours."

"This, then," Williams said, "was interpreted by the students to be coercion of a group campus. But under the circumstances I believe he would have been justified in campusing all of them."

Williams agreed with members of the Committee that any attempt to punish a whole group just to find one or two guilty parties would be "an error of judgment." He said he was sure this point was brought out during orientation week. Williams said the thing that disturbed him was that the counselor has to "play as great a role as disciplinarian that he does."

In reply to questions, Williams said he felt that none of the counselors would show any hesitancy to sanction on the spot, or to take a case to minor courts if necessary.

Wendell Basye, professor of law and chairman of the Committee questioned Williams about the recent agitation and a letter he had received from the Inter-Dorm Council to allow dormitory units to establish their own judicial bodies to enforce housekeeping rules rather than the present methods of sanctioning by the counselor or through the minor court system.

Matter Clarified

Williams said, "It wasn't because they feel the counselors are doing an inadequate job. I think they feel that in the 'full spirit' of the Code that this would be the ideal . . . that they would sit in judgment of themselves."

Dean Nickerson said he felt that much of the confusion about this matter had been clarified at a dinner meeting of the hall presidents last Wednesday.

"Some of the students didn't seem to understand the recent changes in the Code. . . . They thought they were compelled by the Code to adopt housekeeping rules, and they weren't sure they wanted to do this," Nickerson said.

"But when they understood, at the dinner," he said, "that this was a permissive thing and that they could do as they please about it, I think this took the heat out of it."

Carl asked the director of dormitory personnel if he thought establishing judicial authority in individual dormitory units would be feasible.

Williams said he was in favor of any type of system they could come up with that would allow a counselor to be more of a counselor and less of a disciplinarian.

"Yet," he said, "part of the problem you would run into in a dormitory situation, which is nonselective living, is that majority rule sometimes doesn't sit well with a minority because freshmen must live in dormitories.

Basye said there was "nothing in the Code which prevents dormitory units from getting together and deciding to put out any rules they want as long as they don't also go through the process of trying to sanction them." Basye said due to the situation that this was a required living experience during the first year, there "has to be some central authority."

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