

Stanford Ruling Relaxes Social Limits

STANFORD, Calif. (CPS) — Stanford University students over 21 are now permitted to drink alcoholic beverages in campus residences and eating clubs, according to an announcement from President Wallace Sterling.

Acting under authority of the board of trustees, Sterling said, "The university believes that the development of self-discipline, individual responsibility, and respect for law will be enhanced by entrusting to the students a greater responsibility for compliance with state law and by the removal of complete prohibitions which are not enforceable in practice."

The ruling has long been expected since a committee appointed by President Sterling earlier this year recommended that students over 21 be allowed to drink on campus. In all, four liquor policy studies have been conducted at Stanford in the past six years.

Drinking 'Set'

In addition, a five-year study of student development at Stanford concluded that for more than three out of four students "drinking is well established . . . even at the time they enter Stanford . . . and is apparently sanctioned by their peers, their parents, and society."

"Abstainers do not feel that social pressures require them to drink," the study said, "except possibly in fraternities."

Prior to the new ruling, liquor was permitted only in married student housing and in the newly-built Faculty Club.

The new rule includes these major points:

- Each Stanford student is individually and personally responsible for compliance with the applicable provisions of California law. (It is illegal under state law for any person to sell, furnish, or give any alcoholic beverages to a person under 21.)

- In order to provide maximum opportunity for effective self-regulation which will protect "the interests of all members of the Stanford community," each resi-

dence hall will adopt regulations governing the use of alcoholic beverages and be responsible for their enforcement.

- Alcoholic beverages may not be used by students on the campus except within the interior of campus residences and eating clubs.

- Alcohol beverages may not be served at social functions in residences occupied predominantly by freshmen.

- Alcoholic beverages will not be sold on the campus.

- Violators of the regulations will be subject to discipline

Greek Tragedy Topic of Speech

William Bedell Stanford, Regius professor of Greek at the University of Dublin, Ireland, will speak on "The Emotional Effect of Greek Tragedy" at 8 p.m. today in the Student Union.

He has published widely, contributing numerous articles on theological, historical, literary, and linguistic subjects. He was editor of the classical periodical *Hermathena* for 20 years. He has edited and compiled commentaries on "Livy XXIV," the "Frogs" of Aristophanes, the "Ajax" of Sophocles, and Homer's "Odyssey."

Reservations Due For Dinner-Dance

Ticket reservations for the Faculty Women's Club dinner-dance Saturday should be made today.

Tickets are \$7.25 per couple, and may be reserved by calling Mrs. Don Remington, chairman, at 345-0437.

The party, starting with a no-host social hour at 7 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner and dance, will be at the Country Squire.

through regular procedures.

California officials view the new Stanford liquor regulations as just another sign that the attitude on hard liquor that for 90 years legally compelled "dry zones" around California schools is breaking down.

A state law that passed in 1876 compelled a mile-and-a-half dry zone around the University of California campus at Berkeley and elsewhere. That limit has been slowly giving way and 10 years ago the legislature amended it to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages inside the zone in bona fide eating places.

Faculty Club, Too

Another amendment earlier this year gave the University of California permission to sell beer and wine in the faculty club at Berkeley.

Although as a private university Stanford was never covered

by law, the new rules there are viewed as a sign that the law may go altogether in the next few years.

For Stanford it was the second time this year that campus social regulations have been relaxed.

During winter quarter the student legislature persuaded the more conservative Associated Women Students to extend the curfew time for junior and senior women to 6 a.m. It had been 2:30 a.m.

Freshmen and sophomores still have to report to their residences by 2:30 a.m. but their 35 late leaves per quarter were increased under the new regulations.

President Sterling has said that the new regulations are part of a three-year experiment and that no more changes will be made during that time. However, some groups are pushing for doing away with women's hours all together, pointing out that the new regulations make hours more of a "nuisance than a protection."

Petitions - Applications

HOMECOMING COMMITTEES

All freshmen interested in working on Homecoming committees next year may pick up petitions in room 310 of the Student Union until May 23.

Petitions are available for the following committees: radio-TV, traditions, promotion, publications, queen selection, alumni hospitality, bonfire, buttons, theme, finance, dance and concert, decorations, program and tickets, and sign contest.

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