Life in a Dorm
Will keep you up from nite 'til morn
The pin curl follies have arrived in town
A crowd of dollies who just love to clown
It's a thing that you'll never forget.

Life in a Dorm
Will make you glad that you were born
The dashing in and out of your neighbor's room
To hear the weekend gossip 'til a Sunday noon
It's a thing that you'll never forget.

Life in a Dorm
Will cool you off when you get warm
Your heart will have conniptions 'til the grades come out
A passing grade and you may even pass right out
Oh it's a thing that you'll never forget.

Life in a Dorm
May sometimes greet you like a storm
Ah yes the pin curl follies have arrived in town
We're one big crowd of dollies who just love to clown
Oh it's a life that you'll never forget.

- from "You Caught My Eye"
Varsity Revue of 1953

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From The President

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all the newcomers to Macdonald Hall. I know that you will enjoy living in a dorm and hope you will participate in the fun and share in the responsibilities as well.

Best wishes for a pleasant and profitable year. I am looking forward to meeting you all personally very soon.

Jan Bixby

From The Head Resident

If you are entering a residence hall for the first time, you may look forward to many new and exciting experiences. I hope you will enjoy them all.

I will be happy to help you at any time and my door is always open. Other staff members -- faculty members and graduate students -- are assigned as assistants to residents in the dormitory. They are especially interested in helping with health, student organization, social activities, and personal advice. All of us will also be eager to introduce you to faculty members who will be helpful to you in planning a worthwhile college career.

With all good wishes,

Mrs. Leon Ludwig
History of Macdonald Hall

February 1, 1953 and January 30, 1955 were red letter days in the University of Buffalo's history. The first marked the opening of three of the University's residence halls, Cooke and Schoellkopf Halls for men and Macdonald Hall for women. On the second date, Michael Hall, another men's unit, was opened. Each of the four dorms accommodates one hundred and forty-nine students and are the first of five units planned.

The dorms were planned for student life with the cooperation of the Student-Faculty Committee on Residence Halls. Each year the residents have made changes and improvements. Dorm nurses for the "sick" live in Macdonald Hall. In 1953-54 the fourth floor PJ lounge was furnished and the basement recreation room was opened to the boys. A piano was added to the recreation room as well as two pay telephones and tables and chairs. The basement lounge was furnished with tables, chairs, and study lamps, and candy, milk, coffee, and ice cream machines. New automatic washing machines and driers were added to the laundry.

The organization through which residents plan their patterns of living in the dorm is the women's student government in Macdonald Hall. The constitution for dorm organization was drawn up by the students and provides for house officers and Council, house meetings, special committees, counseling services, and house regulations. All the residents may participate in planning ways to enjoy "life in a dorm".
Welcome Committee

Orientation Week is beginning. The quadrangle is crowded with cars unloading quantities of bags and boxes and bundles, as well as fathers, mothers, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters -- and you. The Welcome Committee is ready to greet you all.

The four girls on the Committee have been planning for you. When you find out where to put all your things, it will be due to their forethought. They will act as hostesses so that your family may get acquainted with some of the other students and their parents. When you go to house meetings, pajama parties, Orientation Week session, and the first meals in the dining hall, everything will run smoothly as a result of the work of this Committee.

House Committee

The House Committee is composed of four members, one representative from each floor. They are concerned with the general neatness and atmosphere of the dorm. This includes periodic inspection of the rooms and other facilities used by the residents, including the students' kitchen. The Committee maintains good standards and recommends needed improvements.

Social Committee

The Social Committee is made up of four girls serving under a chairman chosen by the Council. They plan parties, sock dances, jam sessions, teas, dinners - with many of the affairs open to the boys dorms and anyone on campus. Each girl pays $1.00 per semester to cover all expenses. These are kept to a minimum because everyone pitches in to help make our social affairs a success. The Committee will be calling on you for help.
Roommates

Meeting your roommate for the first time is a very important moment. If this is her first experience in a residence hall, remember to make her feel as much at ease as possible. Knowing that you have a friend and understanding companion is a great comfort in new surroundings. By being courteous, thoughtful, and considerate of her and her possessions, you will find that being roommates is lots of fun. Every attempt is made to select a roommate for you who will have similar likes and interests. A questionnaire is sent to each dorm student to aid the Residence Bureau in "matching" roommates.

About Your Room...

Decorating your room is fun and gives you an opportunity to use your ingenuity. All the rooms are painted in pastel colors -- pale blue, orchid, light green and maize. The furnishings are blonde wood and each double room contains two built-in closets and vanities, night tables, beds, a double desk and lamp, two chairs, and an extra lounge chair. Bed linen is supplied by the University, but you must bring your own blankets, pillows, curtains, and bedspreads. Most girls find it more practical to wait until they arrive to pick out curtains and spreads -- your roommate may have some good ideas too.

Bring your souvenirs, stuffed animals, and any of the personal things that make a room yours. If you bring pictures, pennants, or other things to hang on the wall, put them up with masking tape, the only thing which can be used on the walls. (Please, no nails, hooks, or scotch tape!) You would probably find a small lamp for your night table useful.

There is a locked drawer in each vanity for your valuables, and this should always be kept locked. Residents are advised to lock their doors whenever they leave their rooms, even for a short time, as the school is not responsible for any lost articles.
Lounges and Recreation Room

There are two lounges and a recreation room in Macdonald Hall. The main lounge is used principally to greet guests. After your guest has arrived you may go downstairs to the joint study and recreation room, where you can study, dance, visit, or play the piano. Sock hops and jam sessions are often held there.

There is a kitchen in the basement which is used for Sunday night suppers and in-between snacks. On the fourth floor there is a pajama lounge which can be used for relaxing, studying, TV, and social hours.

Storage Space

There is a basement trunk room where trunks and baggage may be stored during the semester.

Mail Boxes

Each dormitory student will be assigned a mail box in Norton Hall when he reaches the campus in September. Mail should be addressed as follows:

Name of Student
Name Residence Hall
Number of Mail Box
University of Buffalo
Buffalo 14, New York

Mail may be picked up any time Norton Hall is open. There is a box in the Norton Hall post office for outgoing mail. Stamps may be purchased and packages mailed in the post office in the basement of Hayes Hall.
Bathrooms and Laundry

Each of the eight corridors in Macdonald Hall has a bathroom, some with a bathtub as well as showers. All have lavatories, baths, and toilets and are designed to serve adequately all the girls on the corridor -- even in the late-for-breakfast rush.

You know about the unpopularity of people who do their laundry in the bathroom, so you will join the laundresses in the basement when the wash must be done. There are two washers and dryers, a clothesline, and two ironing boards. Bring your own iron (Macdonald Hall has alternating current--AC). And you must bring a laundry bag marked with your name or initials: it's sometimes hard to find miscellaneous articles dropped somewhere along four flights of stairs out of a pile of clothes. And who can wear half a pair of socks?

Cooking Facilities

The residents of Macdonald Hall are provided with a bright and modern kitchen in the basement of the dormitory. The kitchen is equipped with a modern cabinet sink, a small gas range, a refrigerator for storing food and "left-overs", a table and chairs, pots and pans, a coffee pot, tea kettle, silverware and some dishes.

Each girl must provide her own food, but she can store it in the kitchen. It is kept open at all times for the girls' convenience.
Hints about Clothes and Finances

Going to college means beginning a wonderful new chapter in your life, but you may be quite bewildered about what clothes to bring.

You will live in skirts and sweaters and other sport clothes most of the time. We are allowed to wear whatever we think best to classes, but a skirt and sweater or dress is most appropriate.

There are usually four dressy affairs a semester and inevitably there will be a formal dance. You will have plenty of time to write home for your favorite dress and may not wish to bring it along until you see what the storage space will look like when full.

You have probably heard about the cold and windy Buffalo weather. When you buy clothes, get ones that are warm and comfortable. You do not need many things, since we usually wear a skirt and sweater with heels or a woolen dress for the informal parties.

As far as your allowance is concerned, it should be planned with the usual incidental expenses in mind. Bus fare in Buffalo is twenty cents. Cleaning, laundry, and toiletries should cost no more than they do at home. Coke, coffee, and candy machines each take a dime and the washing machines a quarter. Your usual expenditures for movies, magazines, and books will be a good guide if you remember that you will probably have less time to spend on them during the week and that you can use free library service and good free movie and music programs at the Union.

There are three branch banks within walking distance of the University where you may open a checking account. If you need to cash a check from home, the University Bookstore will take care of small checks for you.
Norton Union Cafeteria

The new cafeteria located in the recent addition to Norton Hall is set up to serve the University students under contract and also their guests.

Each student under the contract is issued an identification card which serves as a meal ticket. This card must be shown at each meal.

The cafeteria is open during the following hours:

MONDAY-FRIDAY
Breakfast: 7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
Lunch: 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Dinner: 4:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M.

SATURDAY
Breakfast: 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
Lunch: 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
Dinner: 5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

SUNDAY
Breakfast: 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.
Dinner: 1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

There is a snack bar located on the ground floor of the new addition to Norton Union which is open for between-meal and late evening snacks.

Fire Drills

Macdonald Hall has periodic fire drills. When the fire gong is rung on each hall, the resident turns on the lights in her room, pulls up the venetian blinds, closes all closets and windows, puts on shoes and coat and takes a towel, closes her door as she leaves the room and proceeds down her designated stairs, leaving her door unlocked (for her protection and convenience - 3:00 A.M. in a difficult hour to be locked out of one's room).
Health Service

You've got to be healthy to enjoy college life. The Student Health Office, located in Michael Hall, is available from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M. daily and 9 A.M. to noon Saturday. There are resident nurses in Macdonald Hall evenings for health counseling and emergency care. You are invited to talk with one of them about anything that concerns your health and well-being.

The goal is to help you stay well and help you get suitable care if you are sick. Compulsory health insurance saves residents lots of worry about hospital care for an injury or illness. One of the many fine hospitals in Buffalo will care for students with serious illnesses and the insurance policy will take care of the financial burden.

If you wake up in the morning with a raw throat - if you feel that aspirin won't cure this headache - if your bones and eyes and skin read like a patent medicine ad - if this should happen to you:

1. See the nurse and/or doctor in the Student Health Office, if you feel able to walk.
2. Report to the head resident or another member of the dormitory staff.
3. The dormitory staff member will ask someone from the Student Health Office to come to see you if you aren't able to go out.
4. Don't wait! Even if it's just a minor ailment, you owe it to yourself to take care of it right away.
Reception Desk

The desk is operated during the evening by four student desk girls and during the day by a secretary. They handle telephone calls, messages, facilities for signing out, and visitors. The desk is open from 12:00 A.M. until 12 M. on Monday through Thursday; 12:00 A.M. until 3:00 A.M. on Friday; 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 A.M. on Saturday; 11:00 A.M. to 12 M. on Sunday.

The telephone system is rather intricate. Within the dorm there is an intercom system. A "house phone" of this system is on each floor, at the desk on the first floor, and in the house director's apartment. To sum up, these are your phone numbers:

MONDAY-FRIDAY UNTIL 10:00 P.M.) UN 9300, Exts. 195
SATURDAY UNTIL 5:00 P.M. ) or 199 or extension of your floor
MONDAY-FRIDAY AFTER 10:00 P.M.) UN 9904
SATURDAY AFTER 5:00 P.M. ) or
ALL DAY SUNDAY ) UN 9905

You may receive local, long distance and on-campus calls on each floor. The extension numbers to call are:

First floor - Ext. 195
Second floor - Ext. 196
Third floor - Ext. 197
Fourth floor - Ext. 198

Be sure to check at the desk for the correct sign-out procedure. You must sign out if you leave after nine or expect to be out after nine. Each girl must sign for herself. When you return, sign in to indicate that you are back in the dorm. You must also sign out when you go home for vacations. If an emergency arises and you are not able to return before nine and have not signed out, call the desk girl and leave the necessary information. Be sure to sign in when you return. It is important that you leave complete information about where you can be reached, with a phone number if you are off campus. In case of emergency, this information is needed to enable the desk to reach you.

The desk girls will gladly help you whenever they can, but keep in mind that they too are students.
Dating

Dating is, of course, an important part of college life. You are permitted to date every night, but weekdays are usually confined to informal coffee, coke, and study dates. On weekends, parties and dances are planned.

To help students get acquainted, Norton Union plans a series of parties early in the semester. "Mixers" and inter-residence parties are planned during Orientation Week. Students generally go without dates, since they are planned to help you meet a lot of people. Be sure to be present at all these events.

In Buffalo

Everybody goes "stag"

There's plenty to keep you busy all week in Buffalo. Movies, bowling, horseback-riding, roller and ice-skating (including a fine outdoor artificial rink) are close at hand. Kleinhans Music Hall offers concerts by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as pop concerts, dances, and special concerts by such favorites as Fred Waring and Stan Kenton. At Memorial Auditorium there are hockey games, wrestling matches, the circus, Ice Capades, and free public ice-skating. You can shop (or window shop) at downtown department stores and attend their fashion shows.

Swimming is available at Sherkston and Crystal Beach in Canada, various beaches on the U.S. side of Lake Erie, and in the indoor pool in our gym. There are several golf courses throughout the city, including one opposite the campus. In the fall, of course, there are U.B. football games at Civic Stadium and basketball games at Memorial Auditorium and Clark Gymnasium.

Campus events include Moving Up Day, Silver Ball, Junior Prom, and the Harvest Dance. With fraternity, sorority, and dorm activities, your time will be filled up.
RULES AND REGULATIONS

ESTABLISHED BY THE RESIDENTS OF MACDONALD HALL

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

SECTION I

1. The house closes officially at 11:00 P.M. on weekdays and 2:00 A.M. on weekends.

Regular Hours: Sophomore, Junior, and Senior women must be in their residence by 12:00 Midnight Sunday through Thursday.
2:00 A.M. Friday and Saturday

Freshman women must be in their residence by 11:00 P.M. Sunday through Thursday
2:00 A.M. Friday and Saturday

Seven late passes per semester may be granted as follows:

3:00 A.M. Friday and Saturday

On nights of the Silver Ball, the Junior Prom, and the Moving Up Day Dance, all residents are permitted:

4:00 A.M. dates

On the night preceding all - University Holidays, all residents shall have 2:00 A.M. lates. The desk girl shall be paid on these special nights by the council treasury.

If a resident is late or expects to be late, she must call and inform the person at the desk of the time of her expected return and the cause of her lateness. The resident must call at least one half hour before her curfew for that night.

A resident may spend any weekend away from the residence hall if she wishes, provided that she has parental per-
mission and approval from the residence hall director. A weekend begins after the students last class on Friday or Saturday and is over at her regular curfew hour on Sunday. A resident may spend a night away from the residence provided she has parental permission and the approval from the residence hall director.

A resident is permitted to have week-end guests at any time provided she has obtained permission from the residence hall director. A fee of $1.50 will be charged per night for bedding, linen, etc.

2. A. Main Floor Lounge Hours:

Men are welcome to use the main lounge:

1. All men must report to the desk girl upon entering the building.
2. If accompanied by resident of Macdonald Hall or guest.
3. If waiting for date, resident or guest of Macdonald Hall.

4. Hours: Sun. thru Thurs. : 12 Noon - 11: P.M.
   Friday : 12 Noon - 2: A.M.
   Saturday : 10:00 A.M. - 2: A.M.

B. Downstairs Lounge and Recreation Room:

Men are welcome if escorted by a resident of Macdonald Hall.

Hours:

   Mon. thru Thurs.: Noon - 11:00 P.M.
   Friday : Noon - 1:30 A.M.
   Saturday : 10:00 A.M. - 1:30 A.M.
   Sunday : 12:00 Noon - 11:00 P.M.

3. Quiet Hours - Will be enforced as to the Minute System.

Quiet Hours will be all hours except 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on weekdays and Friday and Saturdays all hours except 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. and 11:00 to 2:00 P.M.
A. Radios must be low, especially after 12 Midnight.
   2. No shouting in the corridors or lavatories or in
      the rooms.
   3. When answering the telephone or house phone, go
down and knock on the individual's door. Then
leave a note on the person's door if she is out.
   4. After the house closes, noise should be kept down
in the recreation room.

4. Clothing:

In lounge, front hall, and office, street wear only is
acceptable (skirts, etc.) No pajamas, robes, slippers
or slipper sox are allowed. Dungarees and shorts are
allowed in the main lounge and in Norton on Saturday,
but not on Sunday. Hair may be worn in pin curls cover-
ed with a scarf in Norton every day only if it looks
neat. Slacks, bermudas and peddle pushers are allowed
in Norton on Sundays if they look neat.

A. When answering the telephone, if already in PJ's,
put on coat and shoes; and if hair is set, wear a
scarf.

5. Candy and cigarettes are the ONLY refreshments allowed
in the main lounge. All other refreshments are to be
confined to the downstairs recreation rooms, study room,
and kitchen.

6. If intending to be out after 9:00 P.M., resident must
sign out and upon returning must sign in.

Process of Signing in and out:

A. Each girl must sign in and out for herself.
B. Specific data should be placed on the sign out card.
   This is to insure the resident of receiving any
   important messages or guests.
C. When taking a late pass, the resident must sign in
   the designated booth. When girl has entered, the
   resident herself signs in.
D. The vestibule is considered to be outside the building and a resident must be signed out to go there after 9:00 P.M.
E. You do not sign in until after your date has left the dormitory.

7. Attendance at general dorm meetings will be compulsory unless at work or ill and have notified President at least two hours prior to the meeting.

A. Freshmen and new transfer students are allowed one warning for missing a meeting then will get late minutes. Upper classmen have no warnings.
B. A freshmen upon missing two meetings shall be given 10 minutes.
C. Upper classmen upon missing one meeting shall receive 10 late minutes!

8. Dorm Guests

A. Overnight guests shall register with the desk girl.
B. Senior women's hours shall be kept by guests.
C. Any late minutes the guest shall receive shall be given to the resident acting as her hostess.
D. A girl may not have a guest in the dormitory unless she herself will be in the dormitory that night.
E. There is a fee of $1.50 per night for each guest.

9. No outside meetings will be held within Macdonald Hall except at the discretion of the House Council.

SECTION II

Enforcement:

A. A minute system will be established as follows: (Upon receipt of twenty (20) late minutes in one semester the girl will be brought before the Judiciary Council.)

1. Quiet hours - For failure to observe quiet hours,
the student or students will receive, for the first offense, a warning. Upon the second offense, the student shall receive five (5) minutes.

2. Signing in and out - For failure to sign in or out, a student will receive three (3) minutes for each. Thus if a student forgets to sign both, she gets six (6) minutes.

3. Being late - For staying out after hours without calling in: If the student is four (4) minutes late she will receive no late minutes, but if she is five (5) or more minutes late she will receive five (5) late minutes and one (1) late minute for every minute over five that she is late.

4. Leaving and entering the building after hours - A girl leaving or entering the dormitory after closing will be subject to immediate disciplinary action by the Executive Council or head resident.

5. Proper attire - If a student is not properly attired, as prescribed in Section I, Item 4 above, she shall receive three (3) minutes.

6. Any minutes incurred between semester and during exam week will be carried over to the following semester.

B. Other penalties: At the discretion of the Executive Council, other penalties may be assessed for cause after hearing:

1. Minutes (late)
2. Revoking ofLatePermissions.
3. Special duties to perform.
4. Remaining in the dormitory without special privileges (Campusing).

C. The first semester ends on that day which is officially the first day of second semester.