

Notes from Interview with Pat Danylyshyn-Adams, Resident Dean of JMC

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History of Residential Life/Pat's career:

**1977:** Pat was hired as Resident Counselor by Don Raub, the current Resident Counselor, making them partners. There were no Resident Deans or ARD's at that time (different system).

9 House Advisors existed: 1 per house and no house advisors for the apartments.

The other HA room in each house was given as a single during room selection (raffle?)

1<sup>st</sup> floors of Tioga and Tenaya had a large lounge; in renovations after 1977, these lounges were split in half to create the HA rooms in A house and E house 1<sup>st</sup> floors.

At this time, single rooms did not cost more to have, but everyone paid \$5 more to offset the cost. This was possible because there were plenty of single rooms available; those in doubles expressly chose them. In some years, one could pay \$50 more to have a double room as a single.

B and F Houses (Floors 3/4 of Tenaya and Tioga) were 3<sup>rd</sup> college (now Marshall) housing, and 3<sup>rd</sup> college students were hired to be HA's in those houses.

HA's were incredibly burned out in this system: because there were only 9 HA's and duty was served in the office on nights and weekends, this meant that each HA had to serve office duty from 6-11pm about 1 out of 3 days. However, given the alcohol policy then, drinking was allowed and it wasn't out of the ordinary for a 6-pack to serve duty with you.

The HA staff would alternate planning activities for the apartments, as there were no specific apt. HA's to cater to the students there.

HA meetings would take place in Pat's or Don Raub's apartment and occurred weekly.

Alcohol Policy in the '70's: "Put it in a cup."

Kegs were allowed but had to be in individual rooms as a part of one's "private space" and thus personal responsibility.

Old HA Interview Question: Your residents want to have a party in your house with 3 kegs, but Pat and Don tell you that you can only have 2. What do you do?

Over time (early-mid 1980's), rules and regulations became more conservative – potential reasoning: social change and the growing UCSD population. Muir, which used to be considered conservative, now came to be considered liberal.

College tension: Colleges hated each other, had "wars" over room selection and other contentious college issues.

Early 1980's:

9 HA's became 11 HA's with the addition of two male HA's for the apartments. Both lived in N8 with student roommates.

Annual events at this time: the Pumpkin Drop, the ever popular Tricycle Races, which today's Muir 40 might be a modern evolution of, an annual festivals (SunGod prototype) called "Fog-Cutters," taken from Dartmouth tradition.

SunGod festival began right after the statue was finished (1983 statue arrives, 1984 first festival).

Mid-80's:

1980-81: 2 Apartment HA's became 4 Apt. HA's, then all Houses gained an HA, making the staff number its current total of 22. Pat also hired a second Asst. Res Dean, Dave Nguyen, who stayed at Muir only a year: "It was a nightmare," Pat said. "I was handing him termination papers and he was handing me resignation papers."

Lou Robbins was the other ARD at this point.

At the end of the first year of the HA partner system, only one pair, "Bubble Gum House," B House, were on speaking terms!

Unique Muir policies: the allowance of birds as pets in the Res Halls and apartments.

Staff History/Grub:

Pat was hired in 1977 by Dean Jim Beckley, who was around for only about a year from that point, before being arrested in July of 1978 for multiple felonies due to a gambling problem.

Chips Dreilinger was hired as Dean to take Jim's place, over the interim Dean, Judith Green (formerly the Asst. Dean).

Co-Resident Counselor Don Raub left Muir in 1980-1981, making Pat the Resident Dean. She moved into the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of Tioga apt. where she lives today.

This month (Dec 2007) is Pat's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of employment with Muir! She plans to be done at 35 years, in 2012.

1990: Colleges and College Residential Life offices stopped acting so independently of one another around this time. They began centralizing their programs and policies to be more similar. The then Dir. Of Housing, Larry Barrett, spearheaded much of this effort. At that time, Pat said, Res Life used to be a

sort of “orphan” in the system, not exactly connected to academics but not to administration, per se, either. Therefore, working together became a positive thing.

#### Student Life:

The Annual Student Leadership Retreat used to be held overnight at a nearby camp. Camps of this kind were often religiously affiliated, and the Retreat stopped taking place at camps overnight when one camp refused to accept/admit homosexuals in the group. The Retreat that year was immediately cancelled and since then has been a 1 day event.

During these retreats, the staff would stay in a staff cabin and students in student cabins. Pat had a bunk next to Provost Stewart, who apparently snored loudly. One night, Pat couldn't stand it, so she -28 year old new Resident Counselor – snuck over to Provost Stewart's bed and turned his head. The snoring stopped; he never knew.

“For years,” the Rugby team showed “Deep Throat” as a fundraiser in York Hall. Consistently successful fundraiser!

Each year on John Muir's birthday, students used to rappel from Tioga to Tenaya Hall, called the “Tyrolian Traverse.”

Pat: Today, things and people are more civil due to policy changes, but a loss of freedom has certainly occurred. The Tyrolian Traverse could never be revived, she says.

The glass windows/walls on top of Tioga were placed there, sadly, due to the occurrence of multiple suicides off of the top of Tioga Hall.

#### Buildings:

Sierra Summit used to be called “Muir Cafeteria” and “Top of The Quad.”

El Mercado was called the “Five and Dime” and afterward, “The RatSkellar” before becoming el Mercado.