

To: Abby Loucks

From: Mom

Re: JC

Abby, I found my freshman Latchkey so I will quote some things from that. I think Aunt Peg and Uncle Tom may also email you. Excuse the mistakes ... My freshman year was the fall of 67 to May 68 with my senior year ending in May of 1971. There were many rules my freshman year and few starting my junior year. This was during the time of the 60's revolution on campuses when students were seeking and obtained more freedoms. Freshman year, we were the first class not to have to wear beanies and go through freshman hazing. Freshman girls lived in what was known as Brumbaugh/Oneida. Brumbaugh has since been tom down. It was connected to Oneida. The dining hall was in Oneida and there would be two seatings for dinner. This was a sit down meal where dresses or skirts had to be worn (they also had to be worn to classes, except for working labs); traditionally, heels and earrings were also worn to dinner. This was a family style meal with student waiters. Actually quite nice. Slacks and shorts of conservative length with appropriate tops could be worn to cafeteria meals, lounges of women's residences, the library and in testing area for final exams. Final exams were given on the floor of the gym where they would set up rows and rows of chairs with a desk top and everyone would take their finals their unless in a lab. Instructors would call out the classes scheduled for that time and you would raise your hand and get the correct final. Freshman hours were 10:30 during the week and 1 :00 on weekends. Upperclasswomen had an extra half hour during the week and seniors could stay out till 12:00 on weekdays. Men had no hours. During the second semester of the freshman year there was move-up day. This was when freshman got upperclassmen privileges. In the lounge or recreation areas, men were allowed in freshman dorms daily until 7:00, on Wednesday until 9:50 and on Saturday until 12:50. Upperclasswomen could entertain men in the lounge till 10:50 during the week and 12:50 on weekends. The dorm council would close the lounge to men if rules were not followed. One of the infamous rules was 3 feet on the floor when entertaining men. This meant that only one of you could cross your legs at a time. Each dorm had a dorm mother who would go around checking for 3 feet on the floor. There was a pay telephone located in each hall. Calls were limited to 10 minutes with no in - coming calls after midnight. It was necessary for someone to go into the hall and answer the phone and then get the person who it was for. Once in Brumbaugh, I had a bat come out of the attic and dive at the phone. My RA killed it with a broom. It was not unusual for guys to start a panty raid. Going to the girls dorms and yelling at them to throw out a pair of panties. The latchkey's instructions for a raid were to GO TO YOUR ROOM, TURN OFF THE LIGHTS (the point is for the dormitory to just go silent, yet allow the girls to look out) and DO NOT COMMUNICATE IN ANY FORM FROM THE WINDOW. The girls liked to throw water in addition to panties. The RA's and dorm mother would watch to see if you broke any of these rules and then report you for disciplinary action. In decorating dorm rooms, you could borrow framed pictures from the library and rugs were only to be 3'XS' in order to be able to wash them. Only fish and turtles were allowed in the pet category. Reprimands were given out for various infractions of rules and when 7 were accumulated the student was notified of campusment. I was 1 /2 hour late getting back from a movie, which was enough for 7 reprimands. I was restricted to my dorm hall and was not allowed to speak with or entertain callers.

This lasted from Friday at 7:30 pm until Monday at 8:00 am. You were allowed to sign out to church and go to meals. It was also possible to be campused for a week or more. Doors were always locked at the closing hour. Beginning junior year, the college did away with hours for women (the women won that privilege on the grounds that the college was discriminating against women -this was during the feminist movement) We could also have men in our rooms and the campus probably was very much like you see it today. One other thing, during freshman and soph years (before we were set free) men were not permitted inside the living quarters. On opening day, men could help move in, but you always had to yell "man on the hall" before he could enter the dorm hall. Male members of the student's immediate family could visit a student's room if permission from the Residence Director was obtained. Once in a while there were Open Houses, when men could come on the halls and into the rooms, but doors had to be left open. Residents could question any man on the hall to determine his justification for being there.

Abby, this should be enough Hope you enjoy reading all this.

Love,

Mom