

Report of the Liquor Policy Committee

The Liquor Policy Committee met to discuss the questions left over from the committee of last term. The main issue is the liquor policy of the Carriage Barn; whether it should remain the same, i.e., that no liquor be served or consumed there except beer and light wines at functions sponsored by college organizations, or be broadened to ~~include~~ allow beer to be brought over by individual members of the community. Underlying this question is the liquor policy of the community as a whole. The specific questions left to the present Liquor Policy Committee (see report of the committee of last spring) were to be answered before a final decision upon the liquor policy of the Carriage Barn could be made.

The Committee realized that these questions only could be answered by a complicated survey with questionnaires and statistics. The Committee is willing to embark upon such a survey but it conscientiously challenges the need for such a survey. At present the Committee agrees to the success of the liquor policy. It believes that the educational value is vitally important and whatever unfortunate occurrences there have been in the past, they have been too few to warrant a complete investigation.

With this in mind, the Liquor Policy Committee sees no reason for not trying a policy which permits individuals to take beer to the Carriage Barn. It seemed to the Committee that the Carriage Barn is more in the same category with student living rooms than with dining rooms because the Carriage Barn is used by individuals in the same way that the living rooms are used.

Small groups would be involved and the mere mechanical difficulty of transportation would prevent any large parties. Public opinion would bear no weight over there than in the living rooms because the same people are concerned in both places.

Mr. Schaeffer would be authorized to report any objectionable conduct to the Central Committee. The person or persons responsible for the liquor would be strictly responsible for cleaning up when they leave, just as is done in the student living rooms.

The Liquor Policy Committee, therefore, recommends that this policy be adopted by the Council with the understanding that it is to be an experiment and, like the present liquor policy, to be revised as experience indicates.

Respectfully submitted,

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