

G A L L E Y

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We might well question the recent measures suggested in meetings of the Executive Committee to combat the wave of vandalism on the campus. All of these measures seem to this observer to accept as given that these activities will continue, and that it is better to deal with the symptoms than with the causes.

What are the causes? What is the nature of the problem? Are the persons involved entirely from outside the community, or are we dealing with an intra-mural affair?

If, as most of us suspect, the culprits are persons we welcome here under other circumstances as "guests," I think we should re-examine our attitude toward uninvited visitors who are free to come and go as they please...not only free to do so, but frequently unnoticed until they provoke recognition.

A recently proposed ammendment said something to the effect that 'no man shall be in the corridors after 6:30 unless escorted by a member of the community.' Many people would rightly be surprised to think that anyone who does not live in the community would be wandering around in the corridors under any circumstances without making his presence known and without being sure that it is accepted.

Individuals do not need to exercise measures to insure the respect of others for themselves if they have and display some self-respect. It is a basic principle in the "behavioral sciences" that people behave the way they are expected to behave. I think if our guests were made to feel that we expected certain things of them, in the way of conduct, and if we set them an example of our own conduct, we should find them responding accordingly. The only real criterion is ... do we want to?

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