

Parietal Hours

Faces Voters Sunday Night

Want to see how the other half lives? This year for the first time at SCU parietal hours may be initiated. This means that at certain specified times, undergraduate men and women may visit each other in their resident hall rooms.

Last spring the students requested approval for visiting hours and a committee was appointed by Father Terry, S.J., President, to study the request. In June, the Board of Trustees approved the parietal hours on the conditions set down by the committee, namely:

1. Each hall must request permission for parietal hours for itself, and this request must be approved by 75% of the students living in the hall;
2. The room may be visited by a person of the opposite sex only by invitation, and the visitor must be escorted to the room by the person living in the room;

3. The visiting hours may not be more than the following: Fridays, Saturdays, and the eves of holidays — 7:00 p.m. until midnight; Sundays — 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ASUSC, under the direction of John Ottoboni, President, is organizing the voting to be held on Sunday, October 6, in each residence hall. Mandatory dorm meetings will be held and each resident will vote for or against the proposal.

If 75% of a hall votes in favor of the hours, they will be implemented only if the conditions are adhered to.

In his letter to alumni and parents, Fr. Terry pointed out the maturity demanded of students by the visiting hours. He felt that the granting of visiting hours would "assist students in developing a sense of responsibility for each other as well as emotional and moral maturity."

The first request for visiting hours was made in 1967 by residents of the Alameda, an off-campus dormitory. Later, residents of Swig Hall and McLaughlin also requested hours but their request was rejected. Fr. Terry's of implementing visiting hours for committee studied the possibility all of the dorms and came up with the above proposal. Now it is up to the residents.