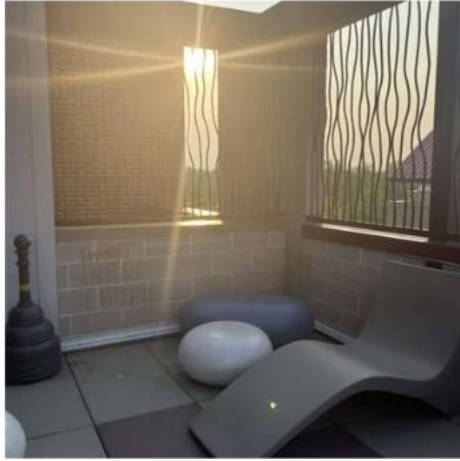

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Steps Toward a Peaceful Patio



End to an Era?

In the midst of yesterday's morning fresh air break, a brave member of 3W established a much needed boundary with members of 3E. She advocated for the all fresh air participants as well as for the passing pedestrians.

As a fluffy pup approached the ERC complex, a member of Three East announced the creature's presence and recruited the designated shouter over to the back window. As they prepped their vocal chords for the rehearsed call down, most patrons of the patio braced themselves in anticipation for the shouts. However, one 3W resident had had enough. She stood her ground and asked assertively, "can we not yell?"

The entire patio froze and a rare silence arose from the tension - so quiet you could hear the pitter-patter of the dog's paws trotting by. The group of shouters' eyes bulged, stunned by the request which implored them to reflect on how yelling may impact everyone within earshot. Soon after, they pulled away from the window and into a circle of whispers to process the considerate



confrontation.

While the content of the whispers is unknown, most patio dwellers were grateful for the quieter mode of communication. We can only hope yesterday's quiet becomes the norm and not the exception. Without the blaring shouts, walkers and their dogs can stroll by without fear of being "dog-called." Moreover, third floor non-smokers, hopefully, now may relax to uninterrupted sounds of nature and cars. As fresh air breaks continue throughout the week, will this boundary stand the test of time? Regardless, it was a noble act of advocacy in which the 3W resident protected her peace and the overall peace of the patio.

Other News

The h-vac system's favorite song: Hot N Cold by Katy Perry

ERC had an identity theft epidemic at HS Snack yesterday evening: fraudulent question answers

The Mountains are playing peek-a-boo

Who will solve the impossible puzzle?