INTRODUCING A DORMITORY DISCUSSION

AT THE present time the Corporation of the Institute and a special sub-committee of the Institute Committee are investigating the desirability of requiring all freshmen to live in the dormitories, either in dormitories with others or privately.

The question has been discussed formally by the Institute Committee, the Inter-fraternity Conference and in each of the separate fraternities, brought up at the breakfast, lunch, and dinner table and it is a topic that has inspired many a "hall session." A consideration of the matter along with the casual examination of the problem itself is enough to convince one that the question of determining which of the so-called "inner city" situations will suffer if they are deprived of the "right to work" of the student, has been some of the set opinions which favors the adoption of a particular plan.

Whether you are in favor of grouping of the first year men or not is a question for individual opinion, but no matter which side you are on, the question of making the dormitory situation better and making sure that your residence will give you a career development is taken will entirely change the conditions and present status of dormitory life.

At the present time we do not feel qualified to take a stand for the question or against it because there are arguments of weight to be said by each side and we found in a recent discussion that opinion of the editorial board was clearly split on the matter.

We have decided therefore that we would present points of view on both sides in an effort to stimulate undergraduate thought and to make sure that the dormitory situation is being looked upon from all points of importance which we have overlooked, and that we hope that our presentation of two sides of the argument will be of some help to the student body which we can publish in our Open Forum column. Today we are presenting the side of dormitory life as it is used against the proposed plan of requiring freshmen to live in the dormitories.

REASONS WHY IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO REQUIRE FRESHMEN TO LIVE IN DORMITORIES

ONE OF the strong points against the proposed plan is the actual example of the use of such a rule at Harvard. For the past few years that institution has had a compulsory fresh man dormitory rule and it was expected that such a rule would result in the sad condition of the Crimson's undergraduate spirit.

No such result, as we well know, has been forthcoming and as a matter of fact we are informed that the abolishment of the rule has been completed.

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