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The following is a letter received by The Tech in response to the editorial about the Walker Dining Service printed in last week's issue.

Dear Sir:

In the last issue of The Tech there appeared an editorial concerning the Walker Dining Service. It is felt by a large number of dormitory residents that this editorial was one-sided. Their belief is that the prices of Walker food items are too high and that the quality (being a loose term generally construed to refer to palatability and preparation of the food with no comments on the "raw materials" as originally purchased) leaves things to be desired.

Last Monday in its effort to arrive at a solution to this problem, the Dormitory Committee consummated its plans for the reorganization of a sub-committee to confer with the management of the Walker Dining Service. At its first meeting on Wednesday of this week a large number of suggestions regarding individual food items were brought up and discussed. Mr. Bridges expressed the desire of the Dining Service to improve its service in all ways possible and welcomed the suggestions of the committee. Already as a result of this meeting several improvements have been made e.g., reduction of price of fruit juices and bacon, and return of french fried potatoes to the menu.

The active interest of dormitory residents on this matter is a good sign and through the sub-committee which meets with the Dining Service management at regular intervals, further suggestions can be discussed as the need arises. In this way official action can be taken and the probability of obtaining remedial measures is greatly increased.

Yours truly,

Chairman, Dormitory Committee

In The Spotlight

Everyone who has ever taken M. S. remembers the jovial Major A. A. Wagner, head of the Military Science Department. He is a well-known member of the faculty, and is very popular with all the students he has come into contact with.

The son of an army officer, Major Wagner was born in Fort Vancouver, Washington, in 1889. He lived in various parts of the country and later studied at several colleges, receiving his Master's degree from the University of Washington in 1926. One of his classmates in both prep school and college was to become the Major's wife; both were in the same class all through school.

Explosives Specialist

During the First World War, Major Wagner served the Navy at the Naval Proving Ground and Powder Factory at Indian Head, Maryland. He worked there for eight years mainly on explosives, which are his specialty.

At the end of this time, Major Wagner traveled to the West Coast to work in the powder and explosive business. He has had many interesting experiences during this time including being very close to three plant explosions in which from 30,000 to 125,000 pounds of smokeless powder have blown up.

Takes Interest in R.O.T.C.

Major Wagner visited Stanford frequently to give the R. O. T. C. unit there a course in explosives. He also went to summer camp at Fort Louis, Washington, with the R. O. T. C.

Then followed five years' service with the Oregon National Guard in the Field Artillery. Once during firing practice with the 155 howitzers, Major-Wagner went to trace down several duds after practice and found them missing. He discovered them in the hands of some National Guardsmen who had carried them off. One of the Guardsmen was attempting to hammer the fuse off one of the shells.

Ordered To Technology

He next spent two years at the office of the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C. and on New Year's Day, 1943, Major Wagner was ordered to the Institute.

His chief interests are the chemistry of explosives, military affairs, and students. The welcome mat to the Major's office is always out, the visitor is not afraid of the business-like machine-gun which standing in his office.

Has Good Opinion of Institute

Major Wagner thinks that Technology is one of the finest places which he has ever been. He views it as a pleasure as well as a privilege to be responsible for military training of the M. I. cadets. He has been pleased with the rapid progress made by the G. I's. who have had an amount of training. The instructors of the Military Department also very pleased by the smart appearance of the cadets when in form.

Major Wagner thinks that W. D. C. is the most beautiful city he has ever seen and that Boston is the most interesting.

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