Tech Dorms Become Co-ed; New Activities Planned; Student Morale Rises

CAMBRIDGE, January 18 (FF)—Applying scientific principles to social problems, the Institute has announced that its dormitories will now be open to both male and female students. This situation was brought about by the sudden influx of girl students entering Course XXV.

The Dormitory Committee held a lengthy meeting last Monday night in which two barrels of beer were adopted and the following resolutions consumed: (1) interconnecting doors between rooms in Walcott, Bemis, and Goodale will be sealed shut for the protection of the male students. (2) rooms will alternate with men and women, thereby assuring even distribution. (3) the letters WO must be added on to the alternate doors already marked MEN, also assuring even distribution.

Climaxing the one week trial of coed dormitories, the inquiring reporter of The Tech interviewed several dorm men with the question: “What do you think of having girls in the dormitories?” Here are a few of the answers: E. G. Beaver, 2-47—“Hubba-hubba!” Aloysius A. Weidwun, 10-46—“I think it’s a great thing except that the queer noise in the next room keep me awake at night.” Cecil B. Bagger, ‘49—“Oh, I think it’s a pity for wimpy.

Progress Made

Hearing reports that remarkable progress was being made in having boys and girls do their homework together, and that many new formulas were being developed, the staff of The Tech hooked up a microphone to the underside of the walls in Munroe 606, connected to the Tech office, to find out just how these formulas were evolving. We reprint here some of the notes taken by our stenographer, S. Z. “Guddles” Bakal.

(Time: 9:00 P.M. The door opens.)

“Why hello, Gloria. Are you ready to continue our experiments?”

“I guess so, Wally, but this is the eighth time already, and it’s getting tiresome.”

“Don’t worry. I think this’ll be the last time. We’re sure to get our result tonight.”

“Well, O.K. but this is definitely the last time. I’ve got other homework to do, you know. Have you got the equipment?”

“Yeah, sure.”

(A few minutes silence.)

“Are you ready? Well, let’s go then.”

(More silence.)

“There, I knew it, Gloria. The time is inversely proportional to the frequency.”

“That’s good, but don’t you think the coefficient of friction is involved some way?”

“I don’t know. We’ll try again and see.”

(Still more silence.)

“Eureka, we’ve got it! This’ll revolutionize all previous concepts.”

At this time the loudspeaker at the Tech office went dead, and unable to resist finding out what this amazing discovery was, we all ran up to Munroe 606. Bursting in we asked what the discovery was. “Should I tell him, Gloria?” “Sure, go ahead, Wally; he’s bound to read it some day in Sears anyway.”

“O.K., here it is ... for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.”

Question of the week: “What does Walker do with the large half of the grapefruit?”

Tech Mann Act Angers Frats

Houses To Be Minus Female Companionship

CAMBRIDGE, January 18 (FF)—Fraternity men from M.I.T. to Slippery Rock Teachers were up in arms today as a result of the new Tech I.F.C. non-importation regulation. The new rules announced yesterday by the I.F.C. have been branded by the Beacon Street boys as “The M.I.T. Mann Act.” The I.F.C. counters that it is about time that something be done to smash the white slave traffic.

The hateful legislation that has so disturbed the lives of our frat men was announced yesterday after a torrid session of the Council. The principal points of the edict are as follows: (1) No person or persons of the female sex nor anyone suspected of being female, will be permitted on the premises of the Institute fraternity houses except at such times and under such conditions as are enumerated in a later section. (2) At all times when females are present in the houses, it is required that there be an attendant in every room in which a female guest is seated, standing, or otherwise disposed, a female chaperone, unmarried, and minimum age 50. (3) Females will be permitted in the houses under the following circumstances: Between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays; they must not go above the basement floor except as nature may require, the above described chaperone must always be in attendance.

Reaction to these rulings was widespread, as the news was spread wide. President McFlin of Bettersley asked, “Where will decent Bettersley girls spend their weekends now?” Normal Dutchman, dormitory sub, spoke of the new ruling as “more stringent dorm rules was heard to say, “This will mean the end of fraternities at M.I.T. They have been bereft of their last attraction. At last all the houses will be available for use as parts of the new and greater coeducational dormitory system.” An informal meeting of the I.F.B.A. (Interfraternity Bar, Beer, Belles, Broads, and Boogie Woogie Association) passed a resolution that “we will fight this odious thing till the last on the beaches, in the streets, from the houses, and will never submit, even if we have to go to Harvard to escape it.”

Great Court Site

Of Housing Project

Spotlights To Illumine Them; Through Mirrors

Because of the great need for increased living facilities for veterans and their families, and because of the shortage of available land, trustees of the Institute have decided to construct a group of cost residences in the Great Court area. It is hoped that President Com will break ground for the project with a uranium spade in the part next month.

A spokesman for the trustees scribed the plan in some detail. Several interesting features of the program are worth mention here. There will be no light fixtures in the new homes, for they will be provided by a rather ingenious device. All the walls of the great court will be mirrored, light from the spotlights that already installed around the will be reflected back into the of the new homes. In order to aid the veteran in his home, and to maintain the proper atmosphere the walls will be painted with pages from Burlington’s Tat. Although there will be no electricity in these homes they will be equipped with hot and cold water, gas and H2S lines, a vacuum line, which is expected to prove useful in the absence of rationally run vacuum cleaners.

It was also mentioned that clally low cost living space soon be available in the top floor the lab outhouses on the roof of Building 6. The radomes in there will be used to house a group of Eskimos being sent here on scholarship from the Alaskan government.

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