PRELIMINARY REPORT

The reaction to the rent rates at the New Dormitory, released last week, has been quite mixed. There is considerable sentiment, however, to the effect that Old Dormitory residents feel they are being overcharged, and a $20.00 per term charge at the new dorms is a little too much, and there is a certain amount of doubt about the contract meal system which will be established.

Current members of the Commit-tee are becoming aware of the advantages of the New Dormitory and are conducting a poll to determine the weekly cost of food among present Dormitory residents. The results of this poll will be available soon, and we will publish them here.

MISHMASH

Occasionally, we run out of local issues to discuss in the columns devoted to national and international ones. Today is one of those days, but unfortunately no burning questions have arisen; the world continues to go on, but today it's doing it quietly (because it is being last Tuesday night) the lead story in the New York Times concerns Senator Sanders' bid to widen still further the cleavage between the East and West by setting up a "Little United Nations" of Atlantic powers. To us, this sort of shenanigans seems like the insignificant jockeying for position before a race, and forgets the fact that the foreign relations Committee seems disinterested to support the proposal as an amendment to the resolution ratifying the Atlantic Pact. It need hardly be pointed out that any unilateral action on our part to exclude Russia from the United Nations, which is what this plan is aimed at, would be an extremely potent propaganda lever that the Soviet could use in swaying those nations who have not yet chosen to cast their lot with either capital-ism or communism.

One thing we might mention is the bill introduced into the state legislature by Representative Ernest Lake, which would deprive suffrage of the people of the right to vote or hold public office. This is another one of those things that the student, with his love of liberty, would hardly want to hold comment. One test Mr. Toomey proposes is whether the voter in question supports the constitution of the United States and that he is a resident of the state.

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Grads To Sponsor Candlelight Dance

Individual tickets with candlelight will be featured at the Tech-students at the Annual Graduate School Spring Dance on Saturday, April 30, in Walker Memorial. Flats and candlelight will be arranged for the comfort of the students. All members of the Grad-uate Council and their friends are invited.

Dress is optional and tickets are $2.50 per couple. They are available only at the desk in the Graduate House and are to be given to the Graduate House dining room.

Lettet to the Editor

UNREST

Dear Sir,

I agree with your editorial of April 15 that it is an intolerable that the Dormitories were not repre-sented in the freshmen group taken to watch the fisting be-cause the university as a whole is not too proud of this spring's party. I appreciate your recognition of the fact that in this case nothing was done about the situation. Our object was to select the six men who we thought would contribute most to the Committee. Candidates' living groups were not discussed at any time until after the Committee had decided on the six men, which were con-sidered best qualified for the job.

Thus where a man lived had no bearing on his chances for becom-ing a member of the Committee. I dare anyone to prove that ability should come before living-group affiliation in matters of this sort.

I think you oversaw the import-ance of living-group friction in some degree among the immature minds in recent years has been to-ward closer cooperation. Unfortu-nately, in the theme of recent elections, when conflict was once in the operation of the elections there is even less consid-eration of who is an athlete, if we have taken part in the selection of five groups of undergraduates for membership on the Committee; in all of these compo-sitions a real effort has been made where abilities have been equal to become aware of those in the living groups.

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Graduates are sponsoring The Three Musketeers, a musical comedy written and directed by four Grads who have been transformed the entire front of the house into a patio of dancing. Inside, the first floor-pardon me-the first deck will be the "Selene" (that is, roughly translated from the vernacular of the sea, the Saloon). The second deck will be finished off as a combination bridge and prom-ised that the possible to this party. While it seems, and Chuch "Shoot 'em up" was one of the more successful -fight totalitarianism by weakening one's own demo-cratic processes.

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