General Services Will Extend Desk Shutdown In Spite Of Complaints

MacKintosh Cites Purposes of Plan

In the face of rising opinion from students on West Campus, General Services yesterday announced that the Desk Shutdown will continue. Mr. William MacKintosh, Assistant Director of General Services, and Tuesday that East Campus will presently be restored from its full-time desk service to a part-time-hour schedule.

This reduction is to be phased with the installation in East Campus of a modern alarm system, which has been installed on West Campus. Such a system is installed, and Mr. Mackintosh, much of the necessity for night telephone service will be eliminated.

Purposes of the Reduction

The main purpose of these reductions, as well as of the elimination of daily desk service, is to reduce the cost of dormitory services. The dormitory budget is set to run at a deficit of about $100,000. General Services estimates that savings gained from this cut in desk service is to run at $100,000. Other cuts in meals and clothes supply are expected to net the Institute as an additional $80,000. The essential aim of the Institute in this to have the dormitories run on a completely non-profit, no-loss basis.

The reduction in desk service is a part of a plan which the Institute formulated, which would eliminate all desk service and other internal house services, and in which all such services would be arranged for by outside agencies. Again, the purpose of these cuts is purely financial; there is no desire on the part of the Administration to alter the character or atmosphere of dormitory living.

MacKintosh Offers to Residents

Mr. MacKintosh gave three alternative solutions to the problem of service cuts. The first would be to increase resident rents again to cover the costs of paid desk staff and cleaning service. The second is simply to do without these services. The third position, now being advocated strongly by the Administration, would have paid student help man the desks. These workers would volunteer or be assigned by the House Committee for house service.

House officers have indicated their unwillingness to participate in a program which will not involve compensation for student help. Lou Cohen, ’58, House President of Burton, has succeeded in obtaining an extended desk service period for the present term. Both West Campus desks now open from 9 to 5 daily. The new Burton House extension will keep the desk open 5 to 7 daily, as well as from 9 to 1 on Saturday and eleven to one on Sunday. Baker House is now strongly agitating for a similar extension.

Soccer Scores Third Straight Win

Beaver Booters Trample Tufts, 2-0

By Dick Solomon

A spirited Tech Soccer Team outkicked, outmaneuvered and outscored defeated Tufts Varsity squad Wednesday afternoon on Herold Field. The Dovers are heading a rushing party at the Boston College. Proactive members have the opportunity to get acquainted over the buffet dinner which will be served at the party.

In addition, the club plans to purchase a house at the beginning of the spring term. The group, now only recognized as a petitioning group by the IFC, will then be able to enter a probationary period of one year. During this time, the club receives financial aid from the respective House Chairmen report some

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