Spirit Problem Probed At Frosh Leader Conference

Initiating freshmen into the mainstream of life in the Institute was the basic theme of the Freshman Leadership Conference held at Endicott House last Saturday. The program, sponsored by the Freshman Coordinating Committee, was designed to bring section freshmen into contact with the leaders of the College and of the Institute. Representatives of the faculty, administration, and student body, to discuss problems of leadership.

The day's events were started by the keynote speaker, Presi- dent Julius A. Stratton, who outlined the organization of the Institute and his position as President. Afterwards, the entire conference, including Dr. Stratton, Professor McGraw, Dean Rine, Dean Cobb, and Professor Basha, disbanded into smaller groups.

Better Orientation Needed

The philosophy of freshrnan orient- ation was the main theme of the second section. After general discussion, it was concluded that there are two types of orientation—environ- mental and academic. That is, there is a basic difference between the adjustment to the physical environment and the adjustment to the academic environment. It was also agreed that more information about the social and cultural aspects of the Institute could be helpful to the freshman after he has actually faced his first freshman life in the academic environment.

I'm More Work Required?

The second group also shared part of this topic and made some helpful suggestions. They pointed out the things that were wrong and the things that were right about the orientation program. The feeling was expressed that many of the student leaders of freshmen orientation programs were more interested in their own work than in the requirements of others. The feeling was expressed that many of the student leaders of freshmen orientation programs were more interested in their own work than in the requirements of others.

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The problem of boosting living group spirit was seen as a very strong subject for discussion. Some suggested that a Censor-Buyton spirit should be encouraged to give the student more confidence in the dormitory. As a way of moving more closely along the dormitory, President Rine stated that West Campus dining facilities are a step toward the Institute's build- ing plans. Proposals for community orientation were also made, which might highlight the difference between the two universities.

Changes in Freshman Council Discouraged

The Freshman Council's sectional representation was reviewed, which has been in the belief that it can be functioned when linked with a more academic council rather than the current sectional council. The leadership of the student body has encouraged to stimulate class participation in meetings and to represent their sections to the instructors.

Last Issue

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