Dorm Rents At Vermont Go Up, But Columbia Lowers Food Prices

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The cost of living is going up again. Another of the usual reports of increased fees was the dormitory rent increased to be put into effect in September at the University of Vermont. The University's Board of Trustees approved the raise "reluctantly, but out of necessity" to make the student resident halls totally self-supporting.

The new rates (up $4 per year over the old) will be $50 per year for singles and $25 per person for multiple occupancy rooms.

Food Prices Increased

Going against the tendency of increased costs, however, is the example of Columbia University. There the cost of many food items has been lowered "in accordance with a long range program for lowering campus food prices and higher dining room efficiency." The cost of milk, for example, has been reduced from twelve to ten cents. Other changes include the installation of milk booths inside the dining rooms.

Explaining these moves, James S. MacDonald, associate director of food services, asserted that "dining halls should have character and charm." Along with increased efficiency, the human touch" is the new goal of the dining halls.

Because of this outlook, scope is no longer needed to appeal for food. "Those who have been50/o off for the past years are quite annoying," Mr. MacDonald explained.

For those who drop in at the dining hall for snacks, manufacturer vending machines are being installed.

Dorms Opened To Women

Even in the dormitory picture, things are look- ing up at Columbia. A plan endorsed by the Columbia University Student Council would permit women to visit the graduate men's dormitory.

The proposed visiting hours would be 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Under the plan, women guests must register in and out, be squared up, and at all times be escorted when above the first floor. A $2.50 "contribution" will be required for each guest registered.

At the council meeting, a committee was appointed to investigate the extension of "similar privileges" to undergraduates.

Credits Recommended For Student Leaders

At Council Meeting

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because of the poor attendance of these two activities at council meetings.

The council also voted to give provisional activity status to AIESEC, a new organization for undergraduates. AIESEC is a French acronym for International Association of Students in Economic Science and Commerce. The council also considered the allocation of the limited space in the Building 10 lobby to activities. Activities use the lobby for selling and advertising. The council needs an order of precedence for assigning the limited amount of present and future space, according to Steve Warner '66, chairman of Activities Council. A committee was formed to study the problem.

Club Commissions

The Council discussed the payment of commissions to students working in activities. Commissions are usually paid for selling advertising space and are some times paid for so-called dog work —essential work for which there are few volunteers.

Finance Board, rather than Activities Council, has the authority to supervise activities' finances, and a combined group from the two organizations was proposed to study the commissions problem.

Status As Provisional Activity Given AIESEC

The Activities Council last week granted AIESEC provisional status as an MIT activity.

AIESEC is an international organization of semi-public or college students. It arranges a program for the reciprocal exchange of working traineeships. The council committee at MIT is one of more than 20 such units in 17 countries.

An AIESEC traineeship typically lasts eight weeks, during which the student gets a broad view of a firm's operations. It receives a "living wage" in the domestic currency, sufficient to meet his living expenses while on the job.

These traineeships are solicited by local committees members from business firms in the area and are then exchanged on a reciprocal basis with other member countries.

Sophomores who have completed a one-year course in economics or industrial management may contact the AIESEC office (12-332) or Ken Goldman (69 Hemenway) for more information.

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