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Professor Charles Myers, chairman of the committee, noted that the hearings will have to be moved soon, probably to less luxurious quarters, as the room is used for departmental meetings which place many other demands on the space besides those of the committee.

The Tech provided some preliminary coverage of the hearings in last Thursday's issue. Because of the late hour of the hearing, relative to our deadlines, there were two inaccuracies. The number of students cited in the complaint was originally reported; about 40 according to two sources, a variety of sources. In addition, Nyhart's testimony was not as contradictory (on the question of the "democracy" of the meetings held in the occupied area) as was originally reported.

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