The CSE report shows evolution of the role of the individual house. The 1973 Report describes how each house is a complete residential unit, with a system of internal controls and athletic facilities. This world, it was predicted, had two social consequences: 1) Students would identify with the house as a whole, creating a spirit of house loyalty that the CSE found desirable; and 2) As all houses were successful and evolving, no one would move from one house to another, and would remain in the same house for four years. The 1973 Report examined three ideas, and found them both, in light of experience, to be unsound. In the 1960s, the house was indeed a viable social unit. Large all-house parties were often held, and were quite popular; facilities and funding on a house-wide scale were needed for such parties. Since then, however, the greater emphasis has been on activities on a smaller scale usually in the entry or floor. This effect has not just been social; the CSE cited a trend toward entry, as opposed to house-wide, intramural teams, as well as dramatic groups, and so forth.

At the request of the CSE, a group of students taking Material Science, 15.301, did a study of the values individuals derived from their residence experience as a group project. This was studied by a series of interviews of students living in East Campus and Burton House. These students were divided into two extremes: East Campus, as an old corridor-type dorm, as opposed to the recently-renovated Burton, which represented the implementation of the 63 Report. The results, used by the CSE as being representative of the system, and were incorporated in the Report's suggestions.

The CSE concluded that, to today's students, "a house of 100 or more people is both too large and too small a unit for students to identify with." Most students find it impossible to get to know a sizable fraction of a large house's residents on a personal basis, and most students would not be in favor of it, well, and be able to communicate and interact. Instead, they have more social relations than they are comfortable with. A few small groups than have more usual relations - small groups of friends. The Graves Report points out, "Students are most likely to identify with groups of friends than with institutions... It is this group that is the core of any spirit."

On the other hand, the house is too small to survive all of one's efforts to make it into one's whole work. House politics are not likely to seem terribly important to a student working in a presidential campaign, or fighting for or against community. Commons does not strike a student working on social programs in a large city as being particularly relevant. The CSE recognized this, and the Report stresses that the house should not be seen in the limits of one's work. Surveys were taken to determine the most viable social unit. Students live in the various dorms. These figures indicate that the majority of their friends from a unit of approximately 60-66 residents, and East Campus residents regarded the Bosco as being the house. In Burton, is usually a part of a floor, although Baker has a higher degree of inter-unit contact than the other dorms. (Bake and friends live in a house with a substantial feeling for the house as a social unit. They are strong, where the entry has been used, by activities, and larger entities, which do not have the same spirit. Students identify with the former name when they exist; residents of weaker entities tend to identify without difficulty.

Burton presented a problem, in that it was a combination of all the shells that were renovated necessar
ey the school, with the housing units, and Baker was recognized, although Baker has a Baker. Baker was renovated, and the residents scattered into various other accommodations. It seems (Continued on next page)

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