No solution to roach problem

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dego cockroach extermination at the discretion of the house manager.

Cockroaches enter dormitories in various ways, and once inside they are “impossible to get rid of,” according to Norma Mele, house manager of McCormick Hall. She asserted that cockroaches can be brought into dorms via old refrigerators, Coke deliveries, shopping bags, and even on the clothes of occupants. Cockroaches must eat to survive, and Mele declared that “McCormick never had any cockroach problems until the cooking kitchens opened up.”

Students can hurt the extermination effort both through general sloppiness and through a lack of cooperation. “Spraying would be more effective if the individual rooms were prepared properly by the occupants,” explained Esther Foster, house manager of Senior House. According to Foster, all furniture must be moved away from the walls for proper spraying.

Foster said that “students are more willing to have rooms sprayed than in previous years, which accounts for the overall decrease” of the number of cockroaches in Senior House. Due to the difficulty of cockroach extermination, student cooperation in cleaning their living areas and preparing rooms for spraying is vital for the containment of cockroaches in the future, she concluded.

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