New Commons plans increase choices

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a day at one of the dining halls. According to Director of Housing and Food Services H. Eugene Brammer the system by which commons plans and rates are determined each year is quite open, with the emphasis on discovering students' wants and needs. The rate review committee, Brammer said, consists largely of representatives and Dormcon members from each of the dormitories. The office of Housing and Food Services is interested in getting a sample of the reasons why many students change from one plan to another or go off Commons, which often happens between the fall and spring terms. This situation is part of the reason why the food service tries to be as responsive as possible to the students.

Brammer concluded by pointing out that his office is more of a service than a business, as the goal is to serve the students rather than to make a profit. He said also that the best reasonable prediction for this year is that the food service will break even financially.

Students have not always had the variety they now have. Five years ago the only commons option was the 15-meal unlimited second plan. Later the 19-meal plan was introduced, followed by a "one third" meal plan (roughly equivalent to the 266-point plan which came up the year after). When even more choices were desired, the 300-point plan was dropped and the 200 and 300 point plans began.

Commons costs are modified each year to maintain a healthy budget.

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Prices were calculated on a per-day (3-meal) basis, and the 8% food tax is included.

The MIT Guild of Bell Ringers gave a handbell demonstration as part of a two-hour introduction to the art of change ringing. About 22 people attended the event which was held last Wednesday in Room 9-150.

Other subjects urged in 1909

(Continued from page 6) thought on the part of the man who drew it, and he had planned to use it after it had been taken down from the bulletin board. It seems to exist regarding the methods of work in other departments which may have been more inaccurate and misleading if they had intentionally been made so. This great lack of knowledge of the methods of the departments has always belonged, appears to have become little less than proverbial. Only today a man was showing a friend the Architectural Department, and his statements, made in my hearing regarding the methods of working out designs, the aim and scope of the instruction given, the study and use of books and photographs in the library could not have been more inaccurate and misleading if they had intentionally been made so. This great lack of knowledge of the methods of the departments has always seemed to me characteristic of the spirit of the average Tech man, towards the Institute in general. Content to do the daily work assigned to him for the sake of getting a good mark on his report, never stopping to consider that work in its broad relation to the work of other courses of study, the average student at the Institute is like a man who plods along in the narrow road in a valley, never climbing the hills on the side to see the relation which his path has to the path of others and so to broaden his outlook on life.

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