Housemaster search begun

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the residence system, making their decision public two weeks ago. According to Vice President Constantine Simonds, the Toksoz spoke with him about a year ago. Mr. Toksoz felt some of the things that students were bringing up were somewhat repetitive, and it's important to relieve some of the excitement with students over and over again. Excessive academic work and travel away from the house also give Professor Toksoz a bad feeling," said Simonds.

The selection of new housemasters will be slow and complex. Simonds said, "We would like to have the new housemasters chosen and moved in by September first. I'm optimistic about all three selections." In addition to the searches of Baker, Belkey, and Random Halls, Next House will also be searching for a housemaster soon. The Dean for Student Affairs (DSA) office will make their recommendation to the President of the Board, who will give the final approval on the new housemasters choices. Dean Shirley Malloy, who takes over as the new Dean for Student Affairs on April 1st, will have a major part in the selection process with the aid of Associate Dean for Residence Bob Sherwood.

The Dean's office has not approached Belkey students; however, two Belkey residents said, "Belkey students are taking whatever means they feel are appropriate in the search for new house parents." They refused to comment further, saying it would be damaging to Belkey's position at this point in time. The Belkey residents did say that everyone in Belkey loved the Toksoz.

Housemasters are usually fully tenured professors. They either apply for the job or are approached by the Dean's office; later, the candidates interviewed by the students. The Listons were first approached by students, which is rare. The process of finding the right housemasters for a dormitory is difficult, and the selection process is expected to last at least three months. Simonds said that Baker residents felt the job is extraordinarily demanding, and that it is better to have a person with experience, spark, and boldness.

The housemasters were asked if they could suggest any changes they felt were necessary in the housing system. All three were in favor of changes for Residence/Orientation Week. Lockwood called R/O a 'Big Zoo,' especially when fraternity rushing is involved. He did feel that rushing had been improved this past year. Lockwood said, "I've found some undergraduate guys feel it's occasionally hypocritical -- a circus atmosphere." Mrs. Toksoz commented that "there is quite a bit of attention placed on R/O that is unnecessary. However, due to the fraternity's virulence, it is necessary." Professor Lettvin had the strongest views, R/O Stinks! It should be abolished. There are too many things happening all at once for freshmen who have a lack of knowledge, or don't know what's going around. There should be an R/O Week during IAP."

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