

ROOMS

By Patterson

'Til we get DORMS:-



QUESTIONNAIRES SHOW MEN DISSATISFIED

Investigation Made by Class in Report Writing

Last fall, lists of questions were given out by the Dormitory Report Committee to the men in the two lower classes in order to find out just exactly what the rooming situation was. An extract from the report is given below:

At the present time only about 25 per cent of the students at Technology are living in places which have any connection with the Institute. There are 200 in the existing dormitories and 700 in fraternities. The others, over 2,500 of them, either commute from home, (usually well over an hour's ride and in some cases as much as two and a half hours from the Institute), or live wherever they can find rooms.

That these men are not satisfied with the conditions under which they are forced to live is plainly shown by the answers received on the 900 questionnaires distributed among the students of the two lower classes. From these statistics it was found that 88 per cent of the men living in rooming houses would like to live in dormitories, and it is reasonable to take the two lower classes as representative of the entire student body on this subject.

Prices Are High

The reasons for this general dissatisfaction are numerous. The price of good rooms within walking distance of the Institute is prohibitive for most of the students, and while the prices are not so high in more distant localities, necessary carfare, averaging \$1.64 per week, makes the final cost about the same, and here, too, the element of time becomes important. To be sure, there are some satisfactory rooms available, but those are taken to be the ones occupied by the 12 per cent who are apparently satisfied.

Now we come to the lower priced rooms, and here the objections are much more serious. The air is bad, the light usually poor, and often the rooms are dirty beyond belief. Some of the students reported that they found themselves in rooms literally alive with vermin. Bad as these physical conditions are, it is worse that in these localities there is often a pervading atmosphere of immorality. Even though a man is not contaminated, the presence of such an atmosphere is a constant source of annoyance. Under such conditions a man cannot do his best work. Moreover, why needlessly put such temptations in a man's way? Under the circumstances it is remarkable that the standard of morality at the Institute is as high as it is.

Miss Out in Activities

The scholastic standing of men now in dormitories is about the same as of those living outside, and that of men living in fraternities is slightly lower, but these groups are doing ninety per cent of the work on the student activities in addition to keeping up practically the same scholastic record. This means that three-quarters of the students have practically none of this broadening training. This adjunct to a college education is coming to be more and more appreciated, and it is unfair that conditions should keep a vast majority from its benefits. The activities should be a very real part of every student's life, but cannot be as long as the men are so much out of touch with each other.

With these men living in dormitories, more use will be made of the gymnasium and athletic equipment.

with the resultant building up of physical strength so necessary to the performance of good work. At present these facilities are so inconvenient to reach from where the men live that only a fraction of their value is derived, and the men suffer accordingly.

T. C. A. Does Its Best

The only present way of locating a room which is open to the new student, unacquainted with Boston or Cambridge, is through the lists supplied by the Technology Christian Association. While the T. C. A. has done as much as it has been able, the proposition is too big for it to handle. In the first place the T. C. A. has not money enough to pay some one to inspect all the rooms nor have its men time enough to do it themselves. Moreover, as the T. C. A. is run by students, it has no real authority nor power over house owners. When a parent writes to a member of the faculty, asking where his son can secure a room, what can this faculty member say? He does not know of a place, very few students know of places, that can honestly be recommended. As long as the Institute does not supply dormitories for its students, it certainly should make provision for assisting them to find suitable rooms elsewhere.

Suggest New Department

This would entail a certain amount of trouble and expense, but the Institute owes this much to the parents and to the students themselves. A sub-department under the Dean might handle this work, or a distinct department under the Bursar might be created for it. The duties of this department should not be merely to inspect the available rooms, but it should also get better prices and conditions for the students. By guaranteeing to fill all the rooms in a certain house the Institute would be in a position to demand these things.

Several students living together in such a house would get, to a lesser degree, the benefits of association with their fellows which they would have in a dormitory. Nor would the Institute be assuming any real risk in guaranteeing to keep the rooms occupied, for there would always be a demand for such rooms.

N. E. CHAMPIONSHIP SWIM HERE, MARCH 18

Brown to Oppose Technology and Dartmouth in Fight to Retain Title

MANY COLLEGES ENTERED

The biggest event this year for the Boston "Y," as far as athletics are concerned, will come off a week from Saturday, when the New England Intercollegiate Swimming Championships are held there. Practically all of the New England colleges that support swimming teams will be represented.

Brown University, starring Davy Jones and Gordon Smith, heads the list. Technology, Dartmouth, and Amherst all have good teams and will give the Providence collegians a good fight for honors. At present Brown holds the New England crown, being last year's winners. Yale, with Wesleyan, Boston University, Williams and Springfield, has not been definitely heard from but in all probability will be on hand. If the New Haven college does decide to enter it will have the hottest competition that it has met in years.

T. C. A. MAKES REPORT ON ROOMING CONDITIONS

Offers Suggestions for Improvement of Present Methods of Obtaining Rooms

The Department of Room Registry of the T. C. A. has gotten out a report which contains suggestions for improvement in classifying rooms. The report follows:

The work of the department of Room Registry, as done this year, consisted of examining the former lists of rooms, and sending out cards for information to the landlords listed on them. Advertisements have also been placed in the daily papers at the beginning of the term, and pastors have been asked to inform their congregations of the need for rooms.

From the replies sent in, new lists have been compiled late each summer. Booklets with complete information have been kept in the office for reference while printed lists containing merely the address and price of rooms were given to the students to take away. The department has also looked after letters in regard to rooms.

Present System Has Disadvantages

Although the work has been conducted in the above manner in the past, and has been done as well as possible under those conditions, there are several disadvantages which need to be remedied.

In the first place, most all of the work is done late in the summer before the Institute opens. As very few students are present at that time, most of the work is placed on the shoulders of the already burdened General Secretary and the stenographers. Moreover, the limited staff working on this problem makes only ordinary listing of rooms possible. The only information furnished is that given by the landlords and there is no opportunity to look up references or to investigate the rooms. The student, therefore, cannot tell whether the room he is taking is what he should have or not.

There is another point to be considered. The lack of classification of rooms and the length of the list to be looked through, together with his ignorance of the locality, are rather disconcerting to the average student, and cause him to waste a needless amount of time. There is also the crowding of the office the first two weeks of school, and the derangement of office work.

Have Plan of Reorganization

As the present system is laboring under the defects mentioned above, the following plan is suggested to help improve the situation. The details are as follows:

The Director shall continue to serve as head of the department all year. In the third term, two or three men could be procured to act with the Director as a committee of investigation, and from these, the Director for the following year could be chosen. The duty of this committee would be to interview the students residing in them as to living conditions, as well as to look up references given by the landlords. From the information gathered by this committee, a list of approved rooms could be made up, consisting of all rooms investigated and found satisfactory. The idea would not be to have this the only room list, but a separate list of the other rooms which had not been investigated could be made up, and the student informed that they had not been looked into.

Instead of the present room lists, three booklets containing approved rooms could be printed, one for Cambridge, another for Boston, and the third for the nearer suburbs, such as Brookline, Dorchester, etc., these booklets to have all necessary information in regard to rooms. The rooms could be classified as single, double, or otherwise, and further classified as to price, so that a student could find what he wanted in much less time than is now necessary. The first two booklets might have included a small map and a directory of the streets, and all three could have a card attached to the rear, to be torn off and sent in when room is taken.

Inspections Would be Made

Once the system has gotten under way, and a sufficient number of rooms looked into so that the number of approved rooms would take care of the demand, the booklets could be the same each year, which would help to cut down their cost, as it would undoubtedly be a little high at first. Inspection could then be made perhaps every two years to see that condition of rooms was still good.

As it would be impossible to cross out in each booklet the rooms as they are taken, a daily list could be put on the bulletin board. The student would probably know the type and price of room he wished, and could check off for himself the rooms under that class which were already taken. This would eliminate the difficulty of crossing out list.

Season's Basketball Record

Opponent	M. I. T.	Score
Northeastern, at Technology	29	17
Worcester, at Worcester	18	43
Clark at Worcester	20	22
Mass. Aggies, at Amherst	9	22
Tufts, at Medford	35	25
B. U., at Technology	34	15
Harvard, at Cambridge	27	31
Brown, at Providence	17	28
N. H. State, at Technology	26	20
Mass. Aggies, at Technology	20	18
Amherst, at Technology	25	15
Williams, at Technology	27	18
Brown, at Technology	27	25
Amherst, at Amherst	38	24
Harvard, at Technology	19	18

TOTALS Won 11 Lost 5
POINTS Opp. 358 M. I. T. 414

SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHOSEN

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until a short time ago was president of the T. C. A. He is a member of the Glee Club.

Second Marshal Was Junior President

H. J. Horn, second marshal, is a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, and of Osiris and Masque. He pulled with the crew in his first year, and was in the cast of Tech Show. In his second year he was elected to the Technique Electoral Committee. He was again on his class crew, and in the Tech Show cast. In his Junior year he was a member of the Institute Committee, a delegate to the Inter-Fraternity Conference, president of the Junior Class and chairman of the Prom Committee. This year he is vice president of the Institute Committee and chairman of the Elections Committee.

Linsley Head of Walker Club

D. R. Linsley is from New London, Connecticut. His fraternity is Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and he is a member of Osiris, the Beaver Club, the Walker Club, Theta Tau, and Stylus. In his first year he was on the staff of THE TECH, and was Freshman manager of the Musical Clubs. In his sophomore year he became sporting editor of THE TECH, was a member of the Technique Electoral Committee, and was a delegate to the Des Moines Conference.

In his Junior year he was elected to the Institute Committee and was a member of the Joint Junior Week Committee. He was a member of the All-Technology Smoker Committee and attended the Intercollegiate Council. He was athletic editor of Technique 1921. This year he was manager of the All-Technology Smoker. He is a member of the Institute Committee and chairman of the Activities Committee. He is Vice-President of the Senior Class and president of the Walker Club.

MANAGEMENT READY TO BEGIN BUSINESS

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'24, R. Mc. Simonds '24, C. Arthur Ross '25, W. F. Sonnekab, Jr., '25, D. R. Taber '25; in the orchestra department D. H. Marsh '24, J. W. McAuliffe '25; in the publicity department D. B. Jennings '24, A. P. Kellogg '24, M. H. Green '25, C. R. Mahley '25, C. R. Muhlenberg '25; in the stage department E. P. Dunleavy '24, T. H. Joyce '24, M. C. Budlong '25, R. P. Price '25, C. Ranger 2nd '25.

FEW VETERANS LOST BY BASKETBALL TEAM

Tonon Will Be Missed Most—Other First String Men Left

By their victory over Harvard the Institute basketball team brought a successful season to an equally successful climax. Undeclared on their home floor and straight wins in their last eight starts is no mean record for the second varsity outfit that ever wore the Cardinal and Gray. Only the crack Worcester Poly quintet and the Clark University five proved themselves their masters.

Team Left Almost Intact

Next year will find the team almost intact, having lost only three men by graduation. Of the regulars, Tillie Tonon's going will be felt most keenly, though Gyp Blood and Boyer, who have come to the relief of the first string more than once, have also played their last season. Cub Hubbard, Stan Cook, Dave Davidson, Bernie Coleman and Ted Storb will all be on deck again to keep the Institute on the basketball map. The election of a captain for next season will be deferred until the recommendations for letters, which go before the committee today, are acted upon.

SIGMA CHI VICTOR OF FRATERNITY LEAGUE

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By their victory over the Deltas, Sigma Chi earns possession of the interfraternity basketball cup, which was won last winter by Lambda Chi Alpha. In the early season games the Deltas won the Cambridge championship by defeating the Dukes 6 to 4 and Phi Beta Epsilon 10 to 4. The Sigs won the Beacon Street League championship, defeating Kappa Sigma 17 to 0 and Beta Theta Pi 16 to 7.

The Summary:
SIGMA CHI DELTA TAU DELTA
McDonough, rf
Rockefeller, MacDonald, lf

Colton, c, rg, Winde
Sayre, Burt, rg, c, Donnelly
Shipley, lf, Hendersen

Goals from Floor: McDonough 3, Colton 2, Rockefeller 2, Donnelly 2. Free Throws: Sherman 2.

Substitutions: Sigma Chi: Burt for Sayre; MacDonald for Rockefeller. Delta Tau Delta: Boardman for Sherman.

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