

THE ROOMING SITUATION

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where the Institute is, there will always be a shortage of rooms at the price the person prefers to pay. The following statistics are interesting:

	Boston	Cambridge	Suburbs	Foreign	Totals
No. People Registering	170	322	118	22	632
No. Single Rooms	256	332	136	34	758
No. Double Rooms	317	342	148	22	829
No. Men Accommodated	690	1016	432	78	3416
Av. Cost single room per week	\$6.82	\$5.88	\$6.13	\$6.03	\$6.22
Av. cost double room per week	\$10.56	\$9.27	\$10.80	\$9.30	\$10.04

It is an interesting fact to note that the average cost of a single room in Boston (\$6.82) is about \$1.00 higher than in Cambridge (\$5.88) and that the price of a single in the suburbs is between the two (\$6.13).

Another interesting fact is that although there are fewer rooms in Boston with prices higher and the average distance from the Institute approximately the same, yet the majority of the men prefer to live on the Boston side. Possibly the better chances of getting electricity and steam as shown in the next table instead of gas and hot air have something to do with it.

Report of Light and Heat in 132 Rooms in Cambridge and 132 Rooms in Boston

	Light	percent	percent
Electricity	110-83	1-3	99-75
Gas	22-16	2-3	33-25

	Heat	percent	percent
Furnace	34-26	50-38	
Steam	88-67	61-46	
Hot water	10-7	21-16	

To save the feeling of the foreign student who would be told by the landlady, "I've just rented all my rooms," and then to find out that an American student secured a room, half an hour later, the Department compiled a special list of rooms for foreign stu-

dents which worked out excellently for both sides.

The different steps taken in obtaining rooms and information concerning the same this last fall may not be amiss at this point. Last May the following postcard was mailed to those

	For
	Students
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No. Double Rooms	317
No. Men Accommodated	690
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Av. cost double room per week	\$10.56

1300 students rooming in private houses:

My dear Sir:
In order that the Technology Christian Association may render a greater and more efficient service this summer and next fall regarding rooming, we are seeking information for our files from the present occupants. To add us in this work, may we kindly request you to fill out the attached card and mail it to us at once whether or not you intend to occupy the same room next year.
Sincerely yours,
A. Whitney Rhodes,
Director Room Registry.

Address, Name of Landlord or Landlady, My Room is Satisfactory (Unsatisfactory), I intend to occupy this room next year, Yes or No, Reasons, Date, Name of Student.

Of 1300 mailed last spring, only 462 were returned.

About September 1, this form letter was sent to the 900 odd people registering rooms with the Department during the last year:

"Dear Sir or Madam:
During the last twelve months you have listed one or more rooms with our free Room Registry. If you care to do the same for this fall, will you kindly fill out the enclosed card and mail to us? For a reference, give, if possible, the name of a Technology professor or a minister. The Institute year does not officially open until October 1, but we ask you to return the enclosed card by September 11 so that an inspection of your accommodations may be made between September 11 and 24th."

This card, containing the following items, with address printed on back of same, was returned by the party wishing to have rooms listed:

Address, Date, Name, Phone, Number of Rooms, Price, Kind of Heat, Kind of Light, Furnishings, Any Meals Served?, Price of Board, Are there other Tech Students in House?, Reference, Remarks. On receipt of this card the following form letter was mailed to the person given as a reference:

You have been referred to us by _____ as a reference regarding room for Technology students. Will you kindly fill in the following and return at your earliest convenience in enclosed stamp envelope?

Sincerely yours,
For the Room Registry Dept.

How long have you known the person? Does the person have a good character? Are there any reasons not apparent from our inspection of the quarters which would make it an undesirable place for a student to room?

During the second and third weeks in September six students inspected these rooms, working 8 hours per day and receiving 50c per hour and carfare and the fourth week gave out information about these places to men desiring the same. In inspecting said places, the investigators checked up on information given by landladies and also noted on her card: (1) floor on which room is situated, also whether room is on front, back or side of house; (2) number of windows; (3) number using bathroom; (4) impression of room; (5) impression of landlady. They entered up on card data received from student's report and reference's report. 10 people having 18 rooms were rejected as the result of inspection and information received from students' and references' reports. The room Registries of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, The Boston Students' Union, the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. were consulted regarding rooms and landladies listed.

When the student goes out to see for himself the six or seven rooms recommended by the inspector he is given a post card bearing the following items. Thus the list is kept up to date:

I have obtained a room from (Name). Address, There are...more rooms available at above address, I also find the following rooms on list taken.

For the good of the Institute, for the good of society and for the better intellectual, social and moral development of the Institute man, the Room Registry Department of the Technology Christian Association is definitely of the opinion that more dormitories would be of tremendous assistance and as such, the following comparisons are appended:

DORMS	Objective	OUTSIDE
To give maximum comforts for minimum cost.	Generally to get maximum amount of money at minimum outlay.	
All men.	Often both sexes.	
Approximately same age.	Different ages.	
Same interests.	Diverse interests.	
	Roomers	
3 rooms	1 room.	
Study, bed room and connecting room with running hot and cold water.	Often double bed.	
Separate beds and desks.	Sometimes one desk.	
	Accommodations for two men	
Single room; \$4.02 per week.	Single Room; \$6.22 per week.	
Double Suite; \$5.18 per man per wk.	Double Room; \$5.02 per man per wk.	
Triple suite; \$4.87 per man per wk.	Average cost; \$5.40 per man per wk.	
Average cost; \$4.88 per man per wk.	Carefare; according to distance and weather.	
Carfare; none.		
	Heat	
Steam.	Boston rooms; 67% steam.	
On all night.	Cambridge rooms; 46%.	
	Off usually at 10 P.M.	
	Light	
Electricity.	Boston rooms; 83% electricity.	
Five lights in double suit.	Cambridge; 75%.	
	Sometimes only 1 light.	
	Toilets	
1 to every 5 men.	1 to every 7 persons.	
	Shower Baths	
1 to every 5 men.	Rarely any.	
	Surroundings	
Light and air good.	Light and air often bad.	
	Exercise	
Excellent facilities in Walker, Hangar and on athletic fields.	Distance often makes impossible anything but walking.	
	Food	
Nearby in Walker Memorial.	Many times at great distance.	
Quality good.	Quality questionable.	
Prices reasonable.	Prices often high.	
	Tech spirit	
90% of work done on activities done by dormitory and fraternity men while scholastically men remain up to average.	Men have very little time and inclination left to enter activities.	

Notices and Announcements

All notices for this column should be in by the morning of the day preceding the issue.

OFFICIAL

STATISTICS Ee.65
Note change of hour on Thursdays: Courses VII2 and XV Sections 1 and 5. Hours changed from 2-4 to 3-5 in Room 1-235.

UNDERGRADUATE

TECHNIQUE

Seniors who have not yet had their pictures taken for Technique will have another opportunity beginning Wednesday, January 9. Make appointments at Technique office.

FRESHMAN GRAY BOOK

The Freshman Gray Book will be distributed in the main lobby on Saturday, January 9, from 9 to 1 and thereafter at the Technique office.

TECH SHOW CHORUS AND BALLET

The Tech Show chorus and ballet will hold a rehearsal and will be measured for costumes at 5 P. M. today in North Hall, Walker. Come early if possible.

TECH SHOW CAST

The cast of Tech Show will be measured for costumes at 5 P. M. today in North Hall, Walker. Come early if possible.

OLD SOUTH PRIZE

The prize contest of the Old South Association for essays on historical subjects will close on January 15.

NEW MEN

All men entering the Institute this second term may have one or all of the following by calling at the T. C. A. Office, Basement Walker Memorial: Handbook, Stranger's Directory of Boston, Booklet about the Institute.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

There will be a dinner of the Alumni Association in Alumni Hall, Walker, tomorrow.

U. E. B.

The U. E. B. requests that the men who desire employment in the future report at the T. C. A. and leave their class schedule for the second term.

HARDING MEMORIAL

Contributions ranging from one cent to one dollar will be received at the Bursar's Office where a certificate will be given making the contributor a sustaining member of the HARDING MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

MASONIC CLUB SMOKER

The next smoker of the Masonic Club will be held in the north hall of Walker, Thursday, January 10, at 7.

WALKER COMMITTEE DANCE

The Walker Memorial Committee will give a tea dance in the main hall of Walker, Saturday, January 19, at 3 o'clock.

DORM DANCE

The first Dorm Dance of next term will be informal, and will be held in Walker Memorial Friday, January 11 from 8:00 to 12 o'clock. Tickets may be obtained at the office of the Dorm Superintendent or from any member of the Dorm Dance committee.

BOOK EXCHANGE

The Technology Christian Association Book Exchange announces that money for books left with the association may be obtained by verifying addresses in order that a check may be mailed, or by calling at the T. C. A. office. Books still unsold which are out of use at the Institute, if not called for or sent for within a month, will be sent to needy students in European Universities.

T. C. A. BLOTTER COMPETITION

Competition for the T. C. A. Blotter department will open January 22. All candidates should report on or after that date to C. L. Petze Jr. '25 in the T. C. A. office, Walker 25, from 4-6 or 12-1 o'clock.

TECH SHOW ORCHESTRA

There will be a rehearsal of the Tech Show orchestra today at 5 P. M. in North Hall, Walker.

FRESHMAN RIFLE TEAM

Candidates for the Freshman Rifle Team are requested to report for practice immediately.

Y. W. C. A. DANCE

The T. C. A. Social Department announces that 25 men from the Institute are invited to attend a Y. W. C. A. dance to be held in the Blue Triangle, 97 Huntington Avenue, next Wednesday from 7:30 until 11 o'clock. Men must sign up at the T. C. A. office before noon next Tuesday.

HOCKEY MANAGER COMPETITION

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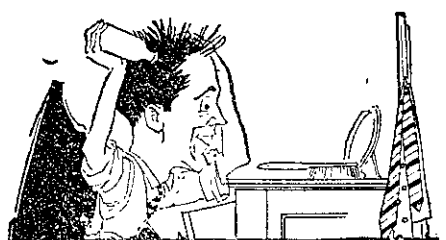
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