PROBLEM OF HOUSING FOR THE (JUNIOR) COLLEGES

Proposed:

Eight halls for Junior College men, each housing 75 students
Non-Resident members

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The number of students in resident halls may be assumed to be practically constant and already provided for. The number in fraternity houses may be assumed to be constant and already provided for. The same would be true of those living at home. The total of 935 students now living in rooms would remain to be provided for in the proposed new resident halls. Query: What proportion of the 935 now living in rooms are Junior College students? This is an important item because the provision proposed in the new halls would be for Junior College students only. When these are provided for there would still remain the question of providing for Senior College students and Graduate students. The foregoing has reference only to undergraduate students. The following figures are for Graduate and Professional students:

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- The number of students in each category may vary due to changes in enrollment over the years.
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- The total number of students for each category is the sum of non-resident and resident males and females.

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**TOTAL**

- Non-Resident Males: 304
- Non-Resident Females: 286
- Resident Males: 310
- Resident Females: 28

The data above reflects the number of students in each category for the years 1960 to 1963.
JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Now in Off-Campus Rooms 935 + 2 468
Now in University Halls 394 + 2 192
Total Junior College Students to be provided for in Halls 660

Proposed provision for Junior College Students 1500

SENIOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Now in Off-Campus Rooms 935 + 2 468
Now in University Halls 394 + 2 192
Total Senior College Students to be provided for in Halls 660

The proposed provision for Junior College Students would take care of Junior and Senior College Students for the present of 1500 (660 x 2) 1320

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Now in Off-Campus Rooms 709
Now in University Halls 268
Total Graduate Students to be provided for in Halls 967

The Residence Halls now take care of

Junior and Senior College Students 364
Graduate Students 268
Total Students in Halls 642
CAPACITY OF EACH OF THE PRESENT RESIDENCE HALLS OF THE UNIVERSITY

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Total capacity approximately 677
Total number in halls 642

Students in Off-Campus Rooms

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| Students living in halls | 642 (actually) |
| Total                   | 2286      |

No. of students in halls 677 (capacity)
No. to be provided for by proposed under-graduate halls 1500

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June 2, 1934

My dear Mr. President:

You may remember that some days ago, at your request, I made a little study of the distribution of our students as to the housing of the respective groups, and that the figures furnished us seemed to show that the actual number in the residence halls is 35 below the capacity of the halls. I took this matter up with Miss Ettyre of the Housing Bureau. She tells me that there was some error in certain of the figures upon which we were working and that, as a matter of fact, all of the halls are filled to capacity. She says that this is practically always the situation, the only exception occurring when some occupant of a room drops out in the middle of the quarter and the vacancy is not at once filled.

Very truly yours,

President Ernest D. Burton
The University of Chicago

NB//R
Your letter is very much appreciated. I have a little extra time today and was wondering if you would like to discuss the project further. We have made some progress on the design, and I think we are close to finalizing the plan. Can we schedule a meeting to go over the details?

Best regards,

[Signature]

P.S. Thank you so much for your generous offer. I appreciate your support. Let's meet soon to discuss the next steps.
May 21, 1924

My dear Miss Etnyre:

Figures which have been reported to me apparently on reliable authority show that the total capacity of the residence halls of the University is 677, and that the total number now residing in our halls is 642. The question arises why the actual number in the halls is 35 below the capacity of the halls. Can you make any suggestion as to how we can get at the answer of that question?

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the President.

Miss Marjory Etnyre
The University of Chicago
Memorandum to Mr. Butler:

I thank you for your careful tabulation of data bearing on the housing problem. Can you tell me why the actual number of students in the halls is 35 below capacity?

Ernest D. Burton

Dr. Nathaniel Butler
University of Chicago
CAPACITY OF EACH OF THE PRESENT RESIDENCE HALLS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Men's Halls
- Hitchcock 92
- Snell 61
- N. Divinity 45
- M. Divinity 89
- S. Divinity 40

Women's Halls
- Foster 70
- Green 72
- Kelly 43
- Beecher 47
- Greenwood 49
- Woodlawn I 329
- Woodlawn II 3
- Kenwood 29
- Drexel 16
- French 8-29

Total capacity approximately 677
Total number in halls 642
MAP OF CHICAGO
In the Vicinity of the
UNIVERSITY OF
CHICAGO

Scale in Miles 1/4
Housing Commission

Felder
MAR 20 1924

TABLE SHOWING WHERE STUDENTS LIVED DURING WINTER QUARTER 1923

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April 11, 1924.

My dear Mr. Parmenter:

I am persuaded that it would contribute materially to the purposes of the Housing Commission if you could place in Mr. Fairweather's hands all the results you have reached without waiting to make a final report to the Board.

May I suggest that you confer with Mr. Fairweather as to the form in which your data shall go to him?

May I also inquire when your Commission expects to be able to present its Report in full?

Very truly yours,

Mr. C. E. Parmenter,
The University of Chicago.

EDB:CB
April 11, 1964

My dear Mr. Patman:

I am pleased that you are on the

advisory committee to the parents of the

Schools Committee since you are interested in

the Warwicks' plans. I have discussed this with

Mr. Patman, and if you find it convenient to make a

trip to the Patmans' home, I would like to have you

report to the Board.

May I suggest that you consider

with Mr. Patman as to the form in

which you wish to spell out the time

May I also inform you that your

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With cordial regards,

Mr. C. E. Patman

The University of Chicago

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The Hollywood,
Southern Pines, N. C.
February 13, 1924.

My dear Mr. Tufts:

In view of the important relation which the matters now under consideration by the Commission of the Colleges, and by the Housing Commission sustain to the Statement of Needs of the University as well as to the Budget for 1924-5, I have been asking myself whether these Commissions could possibly get forward with their work. At the same time, I am aware of the danger of getting from them a report which fails to take into account all the date and all points of view.

On the whole therefore, it seems to me that it might be well to ask each of these Commissions to plan for a meeting at which you and I could be present, soon after my return, February 24th.

Among other things I should like to get before both these Commissions the considerations which I presented to Mr. Swift and you in my letter to him of February 9th, beginning on page 1 and covering all but the last two lines of page 2.

If you concur in my feeling that it would be well for us now to get in touch with these Commissions, I should be glad to have you arrange for meetings of these Commissions soon after Feb. 24th.

Another matter on which I feel that we must come to some conclusion because of its bearing on the budget of 1924-5 is the retirement of men over sixty-five. I note your reluctance to ask questions of the Alumni, and I share it. My only purpose is to get accurate information, and I know no better source of information than those who have taken courses with these men. But perhaps they would not give it. Since Mr. Prescott, Mr. Laing, and Mr. Wilkins have all made recommendations on this matter, and doubtless have in mind or could
assemble the evidence on which they based their recommendations, it might be well to ask them, or some one of them, to give the evidence on which the recommendations were based. In this, however, I should be glad to follow your judgment as to how to get the data, without which it is impossible for me to take any decisive step.

Gordially yours,

Dr. James H. Tufts,
Vice President,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.
President E. D. Burton  
The University of Chicago  

My dear Dr. Burton:

I am sending with this a memorandum of a conversation with Professor Jenkins this morning. Mr. Jenkins was introduced to me by Mr. Moulds to whom he had been referred by Mr. Goodspeed concerning a plan for a dormitory and hostel of the Society of Friends.

The Society has access to about $30,000. They consider making some proposal for a plant to be located on University ground.

Mr. Jenkins states that he has considered with Mr. Goodspeed the three story stone fraternity house at 923 East 60th Street, now occupied as a dormitory and known informally as the Phi Pi Phi House, under short lease.

I suggested to Mr. Jenkins that there had been a similar development at the corner of Dorchester Avenue and 60th Street by St. Paul's Church and Ryder Divinity School. He stated that his Society would not have sufficient funds at this time to go into a permanent and extensive development.

I indicated to him that the present arrangement respecting 923 East 60th Street provided directly for men students under University control, and that there might be a question of dispossessing these students and turning over the premises to another group which do not make as large a contribution to the housing needs. Mr. Jenkins then suggested that he thought from what Mr. Goodspeed had said this would not be regarded as a difficulty. Mr. Jenkins asked for some indication of a rental charge for this house so that his proposal, when made, would be based upon the approximate charge which the University might make for this property.

I therefore suggested that a recommendation would probably be as follows: $1,800 a year net rental, the Society to pay in addition, taxes, if any, insurance, repairs and water tax. These three items would probably aggregate about
$900, of which the taxes would represent about $600.

I am sending this report to you now so that it will be available to you in your files in the event Professor Jenkins should have some further discussion with your office in reference to it.

Yours very truly,

G. O. Fairweather
November 21, 1923

My dear Mr. Parmenter:

I hand you herewith a letter from Mr. Moulde and an accompanying report from Miss Thayer.

May I add that I have been informed by Mr. Gerald Harr Smith that though he consented to rent a room it was not applied for? In other words, non-approved rooms were apparently taken in preference to approved rooms.

I have a strong feeling that we shall not be in satisfactory shape until we are able to refuse to allow students to live in non-approved rooms. What I want to know is what would be necessary to make this practicable?

Very truly yours,

Mr. C. E. Parmenter
Faculty Exchange

EDB:HF
My dear Mr. Parenteau,

I find you have dropped a letter from Mr. G. E. Parenteau.

May I say that I have been informed by Mr. G. E. Parenteau that Mr. G. E. Parenteau does not appear to have been mentioned in Mr. G. E. Parenteau's report to the Board of Directors. In other words, non-appearance has been more effectively taken in preference to appearing to appear.

I have a recent letter that Mr. G. E. Parenteau is to appear to live in non-appearance. That I want to know if any word or necessity to make this presentation.

Very finely yours,

Mr. G. E. Parenteau

Secretary Exchange

Thief
November Board Meeting.

1923

The President recommends that in view of Mr. Long's absence on vacation Mr. N.W. Barnes be added to the Housing Commission.
October 26, 1923.

My dear Mr. Parmenter:

Mr. Barnes has consented to serve in the place of Mr. Long on the Housing Commission.

Very truly yours,

Mr. C. E. Parmenter,
The University of Chicago.
October 26, 1935

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Mr. Prime Minister,

sends the above of Mr. Pope on the

House Committee;

very early hours,

Mr. O. H. Rembert

The University of Colorado.

EB: 09
My dear President Burton:

If you think I can be of service to the University as a member of the Housing Commission recently appointed by the Board of Trustees, you may count on my accepting the appointment tendered in your letter of October 23.

Very truly yours,

M.W. Barnes

President Burton
Faculty Exchange

M.W./DV
October 23, 1923

My dear Mr. Barnes:

The Board of Trustees has recently appointed a housing commission to study the whole matter of housing conditions for the entire university community—students, faculty and employees. Mr. Long was appointed on this commission but is out of residence, and Mr. Farmerter, the vice chairman, has suggested that you be asked to serve in Mr. Long's place. I should be glad if you would accept this appointment. Mr. Farmerter can tell you what the purpose of the commission is and what has been done so far.

Very truly yours,

Mr. N. W. Barnes
Faculty Exchange

EDB: HP
October 26, 1943

My dear Mr. Hunter,

The Board of Trustees has recently appointed a county commissioner to such the work on the county commission for the entire community. Mr. Long has been appointed to this position and Mr. Parmenter, the vice president, has suggested that you be made to return to Mr. Long's house. I should be glad if you would accept the appointment. Mr. Parmenter can tell you about the purpose of the commission if you wish to have gone so far.

Very truly yours,

W.H. Gentry, Secretary

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[Signature]
October 23, 1928

My dear Mr. Parcenter:

If you will draw a requisition for approximately the amount that you think will be necessary for stenographic service in connection with the Housing Commission, and forward it to Mr. Plimpton it will be taken care of.

Very truly yours,

Mr. C. E. Parmenter
5549 University Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

EDH:HP
October 20, 1936

My dear Mr. President:

If you will give attention to the

approximation the amount that you claim will be

necessary for re-enforcement service in connection

with the Housing Commission, and toward it go

Mr. Phipson it will do splendid care of.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Mt. C. E. Peterson

[Address]

[Signature]
The University of Chicago
Office of the Dean of Faculties

October 19, 1923.

Memorandum to the President

I note the tentative list of additions to the budget for the year 1924-1925. I suppose that it is purely a clerical error which omits the Graduate Faculties of Arts from the list, because our committee of Deans in Arts, Literature and Science is planning to center attention upon this and the Ogden Graduate School. At our preliminary meeting yesterday it seemed to us that the strategy of the situation would best be met by a few very important recommendations rather than by a more scattered series. Mr. Wilkins believed that inasmuch as a commission is studying the colleges it would be better not to make an appeal as yet for anything of a specific character in undergraduate work, until the situation is clearer. (This would not preclude, I understand, consideration of such a plan of individualized study as you propose, for that would be in the nature of scientific preparation for a future development.) Deans Laing and Gale will take up at once with the various departments their plans and needs, according to the recommendations of your letter.
October 19, 1959

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Pres. Ernest Dewitt Burton,
University of Chicago.

My Dear President Burton:

The last week of September I visited Columbia and the Universities of Pennsylvania and Michigan for the purpose of observing the work of their men's clubs.

The officers of Columbia University believe the dormitory life to be the most strategic point for their social work with men. The assigning, renting and managing of their dormitory rooms has been taken from the business department and placed in the hands of a personnel man,—a high grade, full-time man. This man is not now a faculty man, but the question of whether or not he should be, is being considered.

The results of the first year of this experiment showed much more satisfaction among the students, and on the same number of rooms and with no change in price, an increase of $5,000 in revenue.

A few weeks before the opening of the University this personnel man writes the incoming student a friendly letter offering to assist him in establishing himself at the University. Two or three letters pass before the student leaves home. The student goes directly to this man upon his arrival, who makes it his business to see that the student is happily located. Through the offices of this man, the University makes the student feel, before he leaves home, that it is interested in his welfare. The friendship thus established is followed up throughout the student's stay at the University. While the personnel man is the head of the dormitories, he administers them through student self-government.
There are two ten-story dormitories, housing one thousand men. The ground floor of these buildings is the nearest approach to a club. There are reading rooms, barber shop, and lounge space, ample for social gatherings, but no games.

There is a small building, Earl Hall, where are offices for the personnel man and the University Chaplin, under whom all the religious work of the University is done. The building also affords meeting places for student organizations.

The welfare work does not extend to students who live off the campus. Columbia is planning to spend Seven Million Dollars on a men's building to contain gymnasium, club and restaurant.

University of Pennsylvania.

Houston House at the University of Pennsylvania is situated in the midst of the campus and houses all student activities. A compulsory fee of Three Dollars is added to each student's tuition. The club is run by two full-time men, former students, - a manager, $4000, and a social secretary, $1500. Including the annual fee, the club made a profit last year of Sixteen Thousand Dollars. Besides the features that we have in the Reynolds Club, Houston House provides for the musical organizations, Dramatic Club, student store, (books, sporting goods, soft drinks, cigars and candy), a student post-office (to which the government contributes), a moving picture show (run only on Friday nights), all student publications, and head quarters for the city press. Houston House is a very live place, but lacks tone.
Union at Michigan.

The Union at the University of Michigan was the most successful club that I visited. It is financed and controlled by the students and alumni. The top floor of the building furnishes the best hotel accommodations in Ann Arbor, but such an activity would be useless to us. The natatorium, which is being installed, meets a real need there, since they have no natatorium in the gymnasium. There is a large dining room for men only, a small one where members may dine with ladies, and in the basement a "Tap-room", a large room with soft drink fountain and an all day cafeteria. This room is very popular and not large enough to meet the demand. The "Mims", a dramatic association similar to our Black Friars, is housed, financed and managed by the Union. The Union brings lectures, puts on entertainments, runs the Glee Club and other musical organizations. It has the equipment and the financial resources to do anything for the students which is approved by their manager and his board of governors.

The Michigan Union has solved the problem of saddling the responsibility on the students and alumni. They pay for the Union, elect its officers, use it and are proud of it. It is off the campus, has but one trustee of the University on its Board of Governors, and is quite conscious of its independence of the University. The Secretary is the type of a man we do not want here: a forceful, efficient man, but too conscious of
The U.S. has the U.S. Navy, and the U.S. Army. I believe in military and economical efficiency. The goal of the military is to protect the nation and its interests. The need for a strong military is to ensure the nation's security and to maintain a balance of power in the world. The military plays a crucial role in maintaining peace and stability. The U.S. military is the largest and most technologically advanced military in the world. It is comprised of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Each branch has a specific mission and role in protecting the nation. The U.S. military is also responsible for disaster relief and humanitarian aid. The military is a significant part of the economy, providing jobs and resources. It is important to support the military and its personnel. The U.S. military is a symbol of the nation's strength and resilience.
his own virtues and his independence of the institution which provides the only purpose for his activities.

The Michigan Union is a big busy place, but I would not duplicate it on our campus. I hope, however, that we may find some way of getting the students and alumni behind the Reynolds Club, as they are behind the Michigan Union, not with a feeling of opposition or aloofness from the University, but in active co-operation with it. At present the University carries the whole responsibility, and the student passively receives. I see no way of remedying this as yet.

Suggestions.

A. Columbia's method of handling its housing problem is suggestive. Our housing bureau is handled efficiently, but not in the light of purposeful educational policy. The method used at Columbia shows this to be a worthwhile point of contact with the student. This service might extend to off-campus housing as well as to the dormitories.

B. The movies at Pennsylvania suggest the possibility of using Mandel Hall Friday night for a movie show from 7:30 to 9:00. From 9:00 to 11:00 an all-University mixer in the Reynolds Club. Should we outgrow the club, the Commons might be used for dancing and the Reynolds Club for a lounge. Between the films of the movie I would have musical numbers by the Fraternities. At times the movies could give way to
The illustration only to a first good degree, and I would not
be satisfied if it were. I hope, however, that as we may
understand of the forming of the2 water and in the region
where we shall be finding the material which we shall a
tally. To follow the path where the medicine man has
walked is to secure the guidance of the medicine man.
My experience with it is as the ancient and universal
camp. I know no better path, my race has passed many
crossing.
illustrated travel talks. My thought is to establish so interesting a social center in the tower group with its Spa, movie and dance that our students would not care to go to 63rd and Cottage Grove.

C. All the institutions that I visited had one or more full time men at the head of their club activities. We may find that policy advisable at the Reynolds Club. I make this suggestion with no thought of disturbing the present arrangements until experience warrants a change.

D. I am told that many of our students, after an evening of study, go to 55th St. for light lunches. The "Tap-room" at Michigan, with its all day lunch counter service which is very freely used, suggests the need of a light lunch service in our Spa. Should our experience be the same as Michigan's, we may find it advisable to use the room west of the Spa for light lunch service.

All of these institutions were fitting their social work to their own peculiar needs. None of their clubs would exactly fit our conditions. Nevertheless, through becoming acquainted with their problems, I see our own much more clearly. The trip was the best preparation I could have had for the coming year's work in the Reynolds Club.

Yours very truly,

B. S. Nelson.
If we allow anything else, the future may not be so
preordained. We must always be ready to face the fact that
knowledge is a process, and our understanding of it is never
complete. This is particularly true when dealing with complex
issues like those presented in this document. As we continue to
explore these ideas, we must remain open to new
perspectives and be willing to revise our beliefs as we gain
new insights.
July 25, 1925

My dear Mr. Heckman:

I have been considerably troubled over the housing situation in this vicinity as it affects both faculty and students. At my suggestion Mr. Dinsmore took up with a builder in the vicinity, the question of building an apartment house, the apartments of which could be sold to members of the faculty, and, as you perhaps know, such a building is now in process of construction between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth Streets on University Avenue. This, however, will offer relief to only a limited number of the faculty, and only to persons of very small families. It is coming to me from time to time that the valuable members of our faculty are led to look favorably upon calls elsewhere largely because of the difficulties of the housing situation here.

As concerns the students, the recent occurrence at 5605 Drexel Avenue has brought to my attention what I regard as the extremely unfavorable conditions under which many of our students live.

Do you think it would be wise and practicable to ask the Board of Trustees to authorize the appointment of a housing commission or committee to make a study of the whole situation
as it affects both faculty and students? If such a commission
were appointed it should include, I think, one or two representa-
tives of your office, possibly Mr. Petzel and Mr. Dinsmore,
and two or three members of the faculty, including both those
who feel the pinch themselves, and those who understand the
student situation.

If this action seems to you wise, should the initiative
in bringing it to the Board of Trustees be taken by you or by me?

Very truly yours,

Mr. Wallace Heckman
Room 1336
230 South Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois

EDD: HP
September 4, 1923

President Ernest D. Burton,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Burton:

In your absence from the August Board meeting Mr. Heckman read your letter of July 25 as to the appointment of a housing committee to study and report. The Board moved that such a one be appointed.

This seems to me so much a matter of intimate University relationship that I feel a little helpless in the matter and am wondering if you would be good enough to indicate the individuals that you recommend appointing. The motion provided for a personnel of from 7 to 10 persons representing the Faculty and other interests.

Yours cordially,
September 10, 1923.

My dear Mr. Swift:

With reference to the Commission on housing facilities, after consultation with Mr. Moulds I suggest the following members of the faculty in residence:

Mr. C. S. Parmenter    Mr. R. L. Lyman
Mr. E. R. Song          Mr. F. A. Kingsbury
Mr. R. S. Platt

As members, or consulting members, according as you may think best, I would include Mr. Moulds, Mr. Dinsmore, and Mr. Wilkins. Most of these persons are relatively young; some selected because they themselves would be interested in homes for themselves, others because of their interest in students.

Is it your thought to include some members of the Board of Trustees? If so, I should suggest Mr. Bond (if his health does not forbid).

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Harold H. Swift
Union Stock Yards
Chicago, Illinois

EDB:HP
September 10, 1933

My dear Mr. Smith:

With reference to the Commission on Pioneer Centennial, after consultation with Mr. Holmes, I suggest the following as part of the report for submission:

Mr. C. J. Thompson
Mr. E. H. Jones
Mr. J. A. Kinney

As members of the Commission, we believe that you may find that we have included, in our report, a reference to the fact that the Commission has taken steps to ensure the preservation of important historical records.

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to acknowledge the importance of our legacy.

Mr. Smith (If the event is not to take place)

Very sincerely yours,