IN BLACK TEN YEARS

Faculty Club President Denies Deficit, Describes Operations

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Follow-up on a recent Thresher story on the Faculty Club reveals that the Club’s main problem is not a lack of business but an apparent lack of communication between the Board and the members.

SEVERAL MEMBERS, in interviews taken before the first article and during the follow-up, told the Thresher that Cohen House “runs at a deficit.” Dr. Akers, president of the Faculty Club, who could not be reached for the first article, says this isn’t so.

Dr. Akers indicated that the food and service costs of the dining room, which is run by Mrs. W. C. Hardy under the University administration and is financially distinct from the Faculty Club, are fully covered by receipts. A bookkeeping charge for power, water, etc., is all that puts accounts in the red.

THE CLUB ITSELF has not run a deficit in the last ten years. The dues ($10 for single members, $20 for couples) are divided approximately as follows: 50 per cent for social functions, 20 per cent for the maintenance fund, 20 per cent for a contribution to Mrs. Hardy’s salary, and 10 per cent miscellaneous.

The function of the club is to serve the “social and intellectual activities of the faculty.” Groups using Cohen House facilities must secure permission from the Club Board and are charged for all service they require, plus a fee which goes into the maintenance fund.

FACULTY opinion of the club is hard to gauge. With special groups and luncheons taking up a great deal of space, the dining room is always crowded at noon. But few of the members contacted in a random sampling said they ate there very often.

The most common reaction to Thresher questioning was: perhaps the prices are a bit high, and the food somewhat inconsistent, but it’s not anything to complain about. Several members were unhappy, others very happy with the food and prices ($ .25 to $1.30). All agreed that the service was good.