Colleges Aim For Participation By More Non-Resident Members

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The big push in the residential colleges seems to be to reclaim one of their biggest assets, their off-campus members. For these members this means a chance for fuller college experience and a return on their $10 college dues.

The FIRST step is spreading the news that the non-resident members are welcome. All five colleges now publish their own weekly or biweekly newsletters.

While none are a serious threat to Thresher’s position, they serve to announce social events and special opportunities. Hanszen College’s “Voice” even includes occasional articles and opinions.

Jones College, making sure the message gets around, keeps bulletin boards in the busier women’s lounges. Pat McNamara, off-campus representative, brings the town girls together with telephone calls, social exchanges, and informal non-resident meetings.

The College encourages visits and social events between the two sections of its memberships, but the big Jones extra is the new mailbox boxes installed there for off-campus members.

ALL THE colleges, depending on their budgets, are working on plans to bring the members in for meals. Baker College offers free refreshments for those who bring their own lunches.

Wiess and Will Rice offer discount rates on certain days and for special events. Only Hanszen has arranged no program on this order. Jones cuts the prices on College Nights to insure a good turn-out for their speakers.

Non-residents are given a voice in decision making by one or more off-campus representatives in each of the college governments.