Hold-up in air conditioning warmly resented by Hanszen, WRC men

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The men of Hanszen and Will Rice colleges are disgruntled, with the proceedings thus far in construction work. Their colleges are the only ones that have not yet received their long-awaited air conditioning. The “official” reason for the delay is the construction workers’ strike that disrupted contractors’ schedules.

The construction gang is now working to complete the new tunnel from the power plant to the men’s colleges. The tunnels will carry chilled water for air conditioning and steam for hot water to the men’s colleges.

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The main portions of tunnel and piping that are not yet complete are two large complexes where the lines branch off to Hanszen and Will Rice. Baker and Wiess, being closer to the power plant, received their air conditioning as the piping was completed past their tie-in points.

The original date of completion of the construction was September 15, according to Mr. James T. Berling, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. The contractor is working “as many men as possible” in order to complete the project at the earliest possible date. Berling said that construction should be finished “about November 1,” with the possibility of completion a “few” days earlier.

Rice’s Marsh

Both the new tunnel and the old tunnel, which carried the steam lines, are being utilized to carry the increased amount of piping. Both steam and chilled water will be in each tunnel, with supply and return lines for each. The lines are interconnected in such a way that the supply for a heavier load from any college may be drawn from both tunnels.

Most of the tunnels and accompanying excavation have now been filled in, but the scars of construction will remain—at least until spring. Meanwhile, the areas of bare earth will, with winter rains, revert to their distantly-remembered state of William Rice’s Marsh.