Wiess Moves Some Members Out; To Receive Plans For New Rooms

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Over the summer Wiess College adopted a "cutting" program similar in some respects to the controversial Hanszen "merit" plan.

Wiess Housing Chairman Carroll Keilers explained that an "amazingly" low attrition rate of college members over the summer prompted drastic measures. Certain members of the college were forced off campus to make room for the freshmen annually assigned to the college.

THE LIST from which names were drawn for enforced withdrawal was drawn up last spring by the Wiess Fellows for use in such an emergency.

Keilers maintained that there was an important difference between the Wiess system and the hotly-debated Hanszen method of allocating available college rooms. The criteria, he said, were "Independence and maturity, and an ability of the individual selected to make a good adjustment to off-campus living."

"IT WASN'T a blacklist," he said, emphasizing that some of the more valuable members of the College were lost in the move.

A total of nine members were finally prevented from obtaining on-campus housing. The list exempted officers and others who were required for various reasons to remain on campus.

All Houston people except seniors were automatically excluded. Four Houston students aside from athletes and officers finally obtained residence in the college.

WIESS RECEIVED a total of 35 actual applications complete with earnest money over the available capacity. Keiler indicated that even more than that might have applied had there been any chance of getting a room.

Architects are now working on the plans for a new wing for the college, which will provide for an increase of 36 beds. The Wiess Housing Chairman estimated that the additional rooms would be immediately filled to capacity. "I could probably fill a whole college, if they'd let me," he added.