Men Could Cool Dorms Early If Fees Hiked Now

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A movement is now under-way which may lead to the air conditioning of the men's colleges. This will involve a raise of $50 in the men's college fees if successful.

Dr. Street Fulton, Master of Will Rice, explained, "When the new men's college is built the other colleges will be air conditioned. President Pitzer and the Masters felt there was no reason to delay this operation if the students want it now."

A petition is being circulated in the Will Rice Commons to test the students' desire for immediate action. At last count there were 162 in favor and 28 against the move.

"This petition will determine whether the students want the $50 raise in fees now or whether they want to put it off until a later time," Dr. Fulton said.

The project carries with it several problems of a mechanical nature. It will entail a change in power plant facilities as well as construction in the colleges themselves.

"A new power plant will be needed. There is not room in the present building to house the machinery that will be required to cool such an extensive space," Dr. Fulton said.

The means of transporting the cooled air and distributing it in the colleges will pose additional problems.

"Since the construction will be difficult, there will be little chance of completion this academic year," Dr. Fulton explained. "It will possibly be ready for next fall. However, if the students approve this project the planning can get under way."