Non-Residents Welcomed

Colleges

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"The college system almost rules out the off-campus person. The non-resident himself must take the initiative. The college can't reach out and get him."

Such was the feeling of Albert Lowey-Ball, Will Rice off-campus representative. He and off-campus representatives in the other colleges have, for the past year, faced the problem of integrating the non-resident into the college system.

Wieb Non-Resident representative Jim Doyle, in discussing the place of the non-resident in the college system, commented that the off-campus person's contact with the college "is an individual and informal affair, if at all."

In Doyle's opinion the only way of getting the non-resident over to the college for any good reason at all is for academic affairs. "His friends may be in different colleges, and in this case the college suffers, which is not necessarily bad."

Although the colleges vary somewhat in their means of attracting the non-resident, standard procedure at all colleges is the meal subsidy and newsletter. Will Rice allows the individual member most freedom in use of the meal subsidy; he may use it any time he wants with a maximum of four times a week.

Jones is unique with its installation of mailboxes for non-residents. Off-campus representative Pat McNamara said she had received many compliments on them "although there are some girls who never go over to Jones and don't use them."

John Kemper, freshman representative at Hanszen, mentioned the basement study room which the college is planning. "It will provide a place where off-campus members can study during the day, which, I think, will be a good means of drawing the non-resident into the college."

At Jones a real effort was made during Freshmen Week to make the town girls feel as much a part of the college as the dorm girls," explained Pat McNamara.

"I think we succeeded to some degree," she continued. "Freshmen don't seem to have that lost feeling in Jones upperclassmen have complained about."

"As far as the men's colleges are concerned," stated Lowey-Ball, "there are two groups of non-residents: upperclassmen who live off campus by choice in an effort to get away from the college and Houston freshmen and sophomores who want to move on. The latter group is the only one we can really work with."

Jim Doyle felt that people seem to expect too much of the off-campus representative as far as doing off-campus jobs. "He is primarily a representative to the cabinet, doing cabinet jobs."