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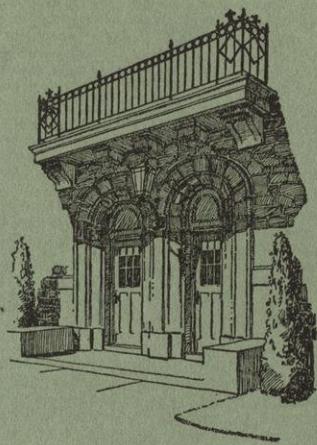
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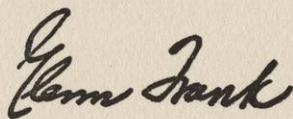
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President

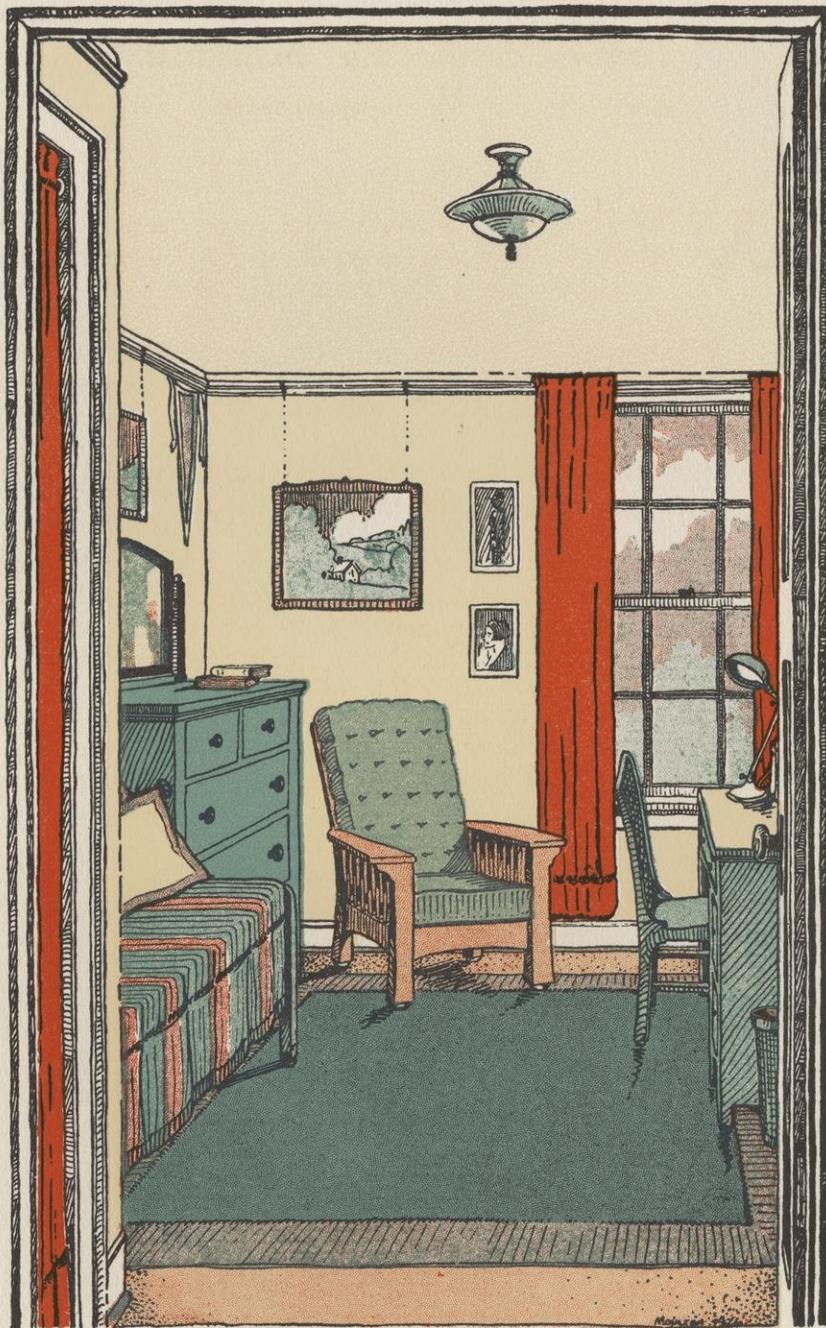
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The **7** *NEEDS*

- I *For comfortable, inviting, individual living quarters*
- II *For wholesome food, healthfully prepared, pleasantly served*
- III *For democratic community living and the opportunity for friendship*
- IV *For experienced counsel and leadership in making the most of University life*
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- VII *For reasonable living expenses, made possible without burden upon the taxpayers of the state*





A typical room in Tripp Hall

I *Inviting, comfortable, individual living quarters for Wisconsin men*

WHEN no better quarters were to be had, Wisconsin men have done worthy work at the University, and have gone out to distinguished careers, in spite of cheerless rooms. But parents and University officers now agree that beauty and comfort in students' everyday surroundings play an important part in better health, better work, and richer lives.

Beauty and comfort are the ideals toward which the two present dormitories for men have been built.

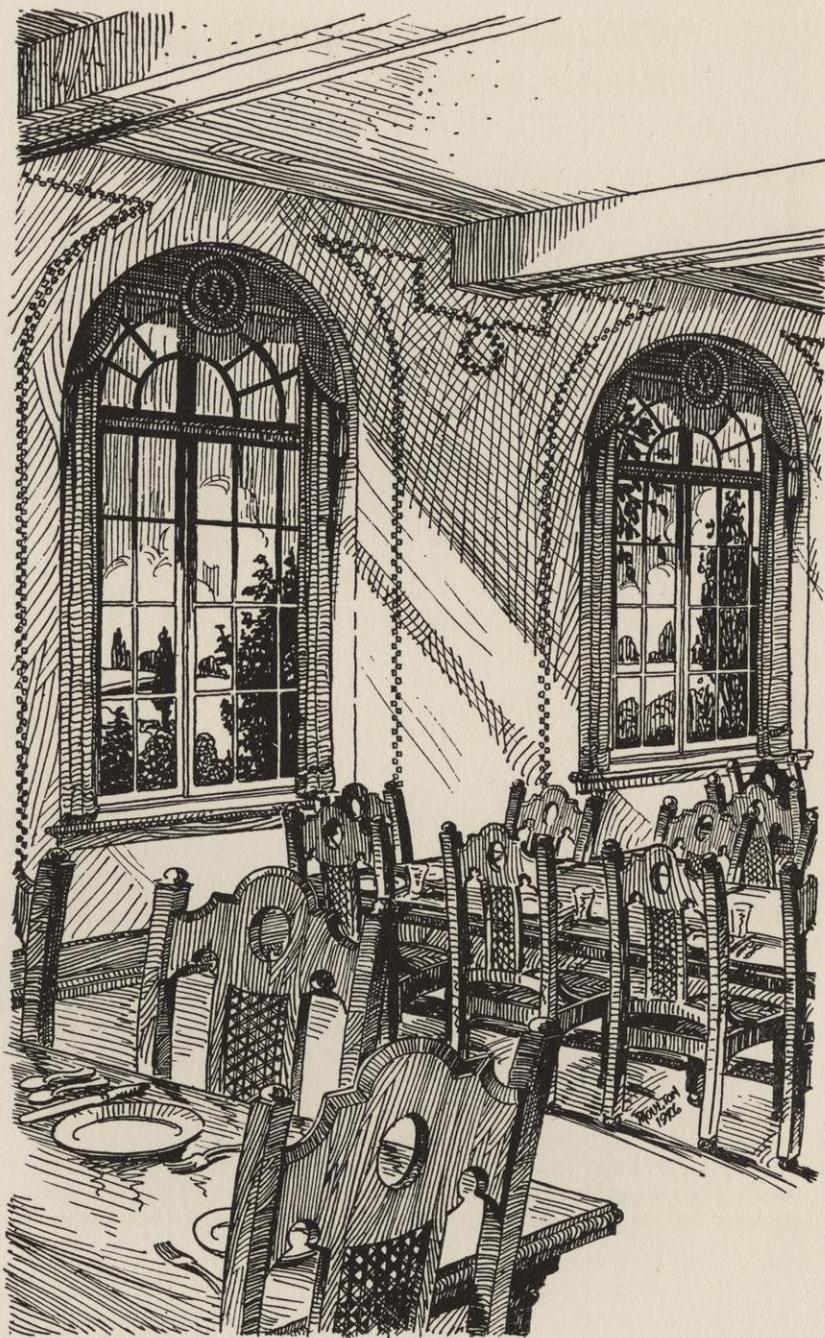
The low, graceful lines of the Italian style of architecture chosen blend attractively with the wooded shore-line of Lake Mendota, and a buff sandstone quarried near Madison, combined with face brick, furnished warm and pleasing materials in which to carry out the design.

Each room has been decorated with cultivated taste in light, cheerful tones, set off by colorful hangings. The furnishings are masculine in design, marked by substantial simplicity.

In place of the cots sometimes considered good enough for dormitory use, all rooms are provided with regular Simmons single beds, resilient sagless springs, and full 6-inch cotton felt mattresses.

Study tables are conveniently equipped with book-shelves and attractive study lamps. Each room contains, also, a study chair, a chiffonier with ample mirror, and a chair for comfortable relaxation.

In order that men may have opportunity for study and rest undisturbed, all rooms are individual, but a few have connecting doors so that two rooms may be used as a suite if desired.



A Dining Hall in the Refectory

II Wholesome food, healthfully prepared, pleasantly served

TYPICALLY masculine is the dining-hall in the Refectory, with its massive oak beams and substantial furnishings—a setting where Wisconsin men may find each day, genial companionship as well as inviting foods.

University officers have long deplored the conditions which required thousands of University students to perch on stools in unattractive restaurants.

The building of the Refectory affords the first opportunity to make meal-time—instead of a merely mechanical routine to be gotten over with as quickly as possible—an occasion for refreshment of mind and spirit, as well as body.

The food service will be in charge of a University expert who has operated the present dormitory tables for women and whose competence has been demonstrated thoroughly.

An attractive soda fountain in the Refectory open until midnight each day will be part of the service available to residents in the halls.

One of the most enthusiastic of those advocating a plan to have as many students as possible eat at a University commons is Dr. William A. Mowry, Director of the Department of Student Health. Summing up briefly some of the outstanding advantages of the Refectory, he says:

"Properly balanced meals planned by a trained dietitian will tend to eliminate the dire results which often follow the choosing of just what happens to please the taste—tempting but often unsuitable combinations of food.

"Regularity in eating is very important. Where meals are paid for by the week or month, there is less inclination to miss one.

"By buying in large quantities under the supervision of an expert chef, the Department of Dormitories and Commons is able to serve the best grades of food at prices below the usual rates charged for inferior meals."



A social room is a feature of each entry in Tripp Hall

III *Democratic community living and the opportunity for friendship*

AMONG the creative forces which move the modern world is the ability to work harmoniously with many others to attain ends which no individual could attain alone. This ability is the product, not of books, but of living—of living together.

Tripp Hall is intended to provide the opportunity for that kind of living.

Five hundred men will make up the community housed in the two quadrangles. But within this large community, in each of the separate entries into which the buildings are divided by fire-proof walls, more intimate groups of thirty-two men will live.

In these units many group enterprises will develop. Basketball and bowling teams will compete in the fraternity and dormitory leagues; floats may be built for the annual Venetian night water carnival; residents of the various entries will vie with each other and with the fraternities in keeping their groups toward the top of the scholarship list published each semester by the office of the Dean of Men.

That freshmen may easily and naturally come to know University traditions through association with upperclassmen, twenty rooms in each entry have been reserved for them, and twelve divided between sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Here, too, the man from the well-to-do home and the man who tends furnaces to buy his text-books will learn respect for each other across a common table; and the son of banker and farmer will find mutual understanding, of a winter's evening, in give and take to the crackling of logs in a wide fireplace.



Agricultural College
Dormitory
Refectory

Playing Fields
Tripp Hall
Proposed Boat House

Stadium
Proposed Field House
Playing Fields
Lake Mendota



One of the Gate Houses, with a Corner of Tripp Hall

IV *Experienced counsel and leadership in making the most of University life*

THE ALERT freshman will find his first few days and weeks bristling, not alone with classroom problems, but with questions such as these:

Does it take "pull" to get into athletics—the Glee Club—Haresfoot—on a debating team—the Daily Cardinal or Badger staff? Shall I try out for several activities, or concentrate on one? Can I make good in athletics and studies at the same time? Shall I join a fraternity? Which one?

His early decisions on these and similar questions often affect his future success quite as much as will his choice of studies.

The freshman turns to his faculty adviser for counsel in his scholastic perplexities—but where shall he turn for the maturer judgment and understanding of University life that wise solution of these personal problems demands?

It is to aid the residents of Tripp Hall in just these problems that group leaders have been provided for. With each group of thirty-two men will live, on terms of intimate daily contact, a senior, a graduate student, or a young faculty man, selected because he has distinguished himself by his own success in profiting by the opportunities of University living.

These leaders will not be burdened with disciplinary responsibilities; they are simply to be available for such friendly counsel as the men in their group may need and ask.

Guided by these leaders' influence, each group of thirty-two men, with as little restraint as possible imposed from outside, will be allowed to devise their own methods of maintaining standards of conduct becoming University men.



University Drive at Tripp Hall

V Adequate athletic fields, conveniently at hand

TO MOST young men athletics need no justification. They will frankly admit that the hope of taking part in some form of out-of-door sports is one of the strongest motives for going to the University.

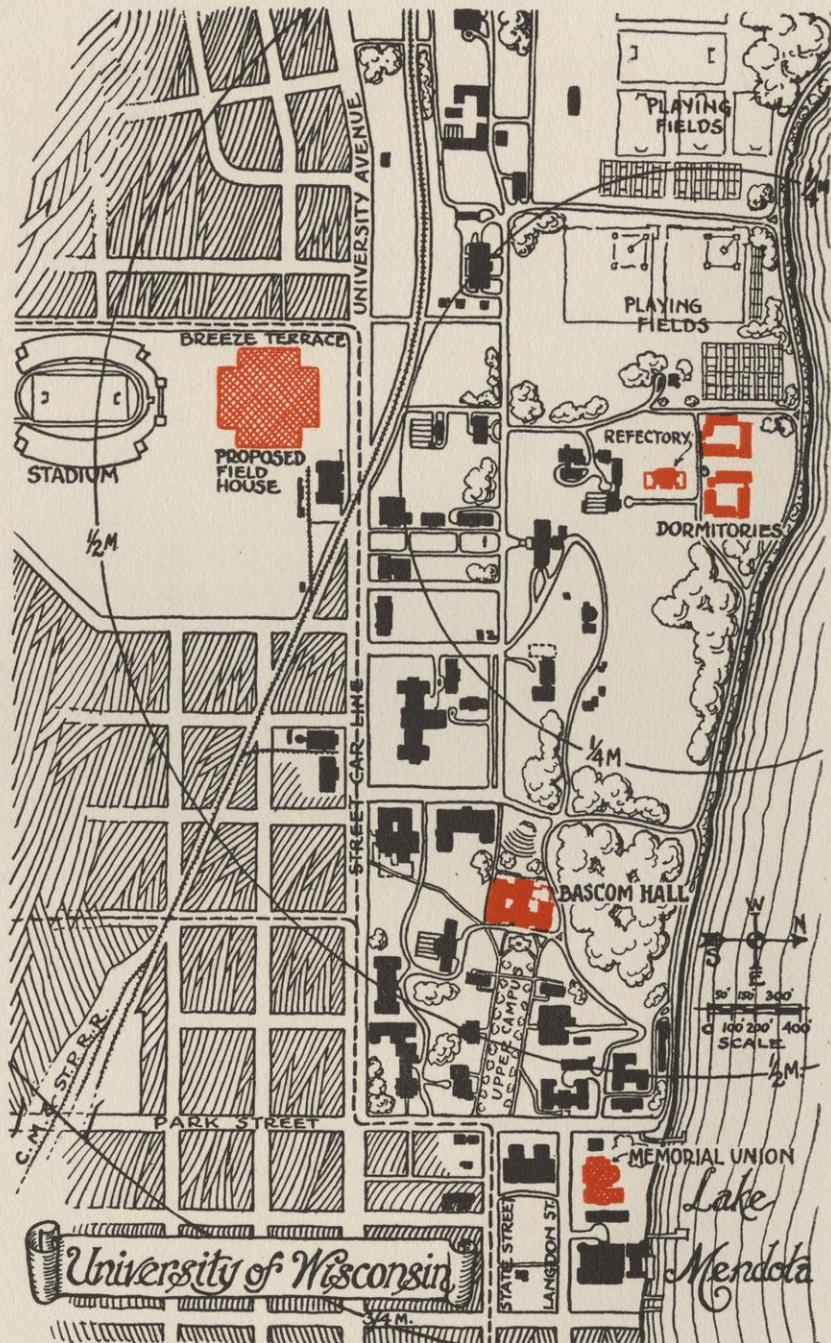
University authorities believe it is well this should be so. They recognize in out-of-door sports one of the most profitable and most wholesome forms of play, without some of which University work might make Jack a very dull boy.

But lack of facilities has heretofore restricted athletics to that fortunate but comparatively small group of men with the ability to place on a University team or squad.

There was not enough room to accommodate the much larger number of men who could not specialize in some particular sport, but who would like to play for recreation and to keep themselves in first-rate physical condition. And even the overcrowded playing fields which existed were a mile or more from the student residence district.

Directly across the drive from Tripp Hall are being laid out new football, baseball, and hockey fields, tennis and handball courts. Close by is the lake, with sand beach, pier and diving board, and accommodations for canoes.

Residents of Tripp Hall may leave classes as late as four twenty, spend a full hour at their favorite sport, refresh themselves with a shower bath, and be dressed for dinner at six.



Centers of student interest shown in red on this map of the University area

VI

Quarters at the center of University affairs—the Hill, Memorial Union, Camp Randall

THE UNIVERSITY is being forced to expand westward. Much of the work in engineering courses is done at Camp Randall shops; the work in agricultural courses is done at Agricultural Hall, in the dairy buildings, and in the buildings along the Lower Mall; and even Letters and Science courses, which normally meet in Bascom Hall, have been forced to use Agricultural Auditorium to accommodate their large lecture audiences.

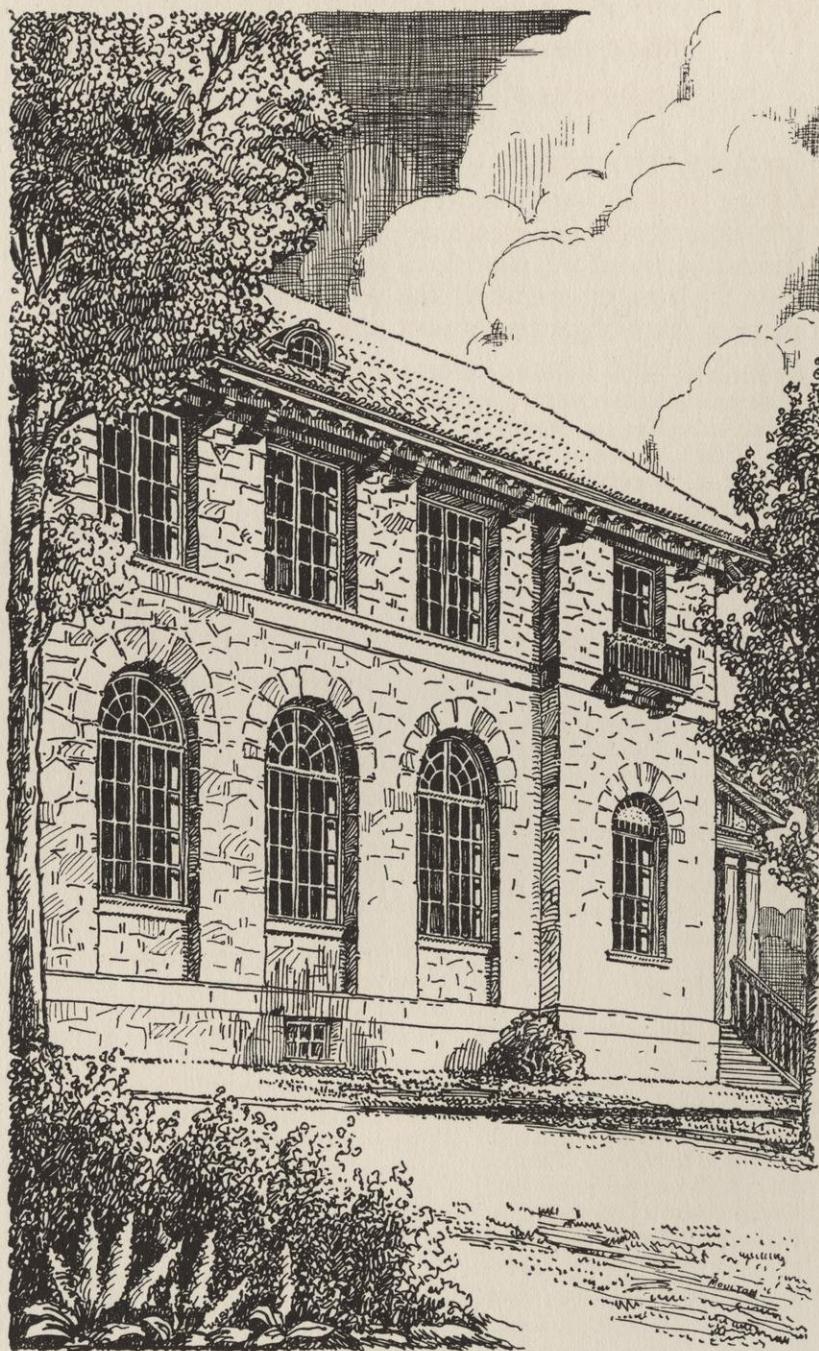
Similarly, the days when any considerable part of the student body could be housed within two blocks of the State Street-Park Avenue entrance to the University are gone—forever.

Many of the fraternity and sorority houses have now been located at distances varying from four blocks to a mile east of Bascom Hall; and ten fraternities have houses in the University Heights district, a mile west of Bascom Hall, including two new houses built and occupied during the last year.

That the new dormitories are at the very heart of University activities is apparent from the map opposite. The location will become even more central as further expansion locates new units of the University further west.

Five minutes' walk along a winding road across Observatory Hill and through the most beautiful part of the Campus is sufficient to reach Bascom Hall; seven minutes' walk by a wooded path along the lake shore will reach the Memorial Union building and the present gymnasium and armory.

The agricultural buildings are but two minutes' walk distant; the Camp Randall shops and the new Field House and gymnasium, to be built this year, five minutes; and the entrance to the football stadium at Camp Randall, ten minutes. City trolley and bus lines may be reached in four minutes.



A corner of the Refectory

VII *The need for reasonable living expense, made possible without burden upon the taxpayers of the State*

MANY HUNDREDS of Wisconsin students are wholly or partially self-supporting, and the majority come from families of moderate means. The cost of board and room has, therefore, been fixed at an amount just sufficient to cover the cost of operating the dormitories and Refectory, and to meet the obligations against the buildings when due.

The construction of two residence units and the Refectory at this time was only made possible through the generosity of the late J. Stephen Tripp, who bequeathed an estate amounting to \$500,000 to be applied to such "higher purposes of the University" as the Regents deemed appropriate.

A large part of the cost of the buildings will be met by this fund, which became available January 1, 1925; and by first mortgages against the buildings, which will be gradually paid off out of the income from the operation of the units over a long term of years.

A brief statement of the terms of dormitory residence follows: the reader is advised to consult also pages of the University catalogue. Any specific questions should be addressed to the Director of Dormitories and Commons.

Preference

The Legislature of 1913 provided that preference in the assignment of rooms be given residents of Wisconsin. Up to September 1 freshmen will be given preference, with a limited number of rooms reserved for upper-classmen; after that date vacancies will be filled without reference to classes.

Rates

All rooms in the dormitories are single; a few have connecting doors and may be used as suites. Residents are required to retain their rooms for the entire year and to board at the Refectory. The rate for room is \$150, and for board \$252, for the school year of 36 weeks, exclusive of the Christmas and spring recesses. University regulations require payment in advance; room

by the semester, and board by the quarter.

Registration

Applications for rooms will be received beginning April 1. They should be addressed to G. L. Gilbert, Bursar, and should state the home address of the student and the class he expects to enter, and be accompanied by a deposit of \$10. If a room is assigned the deposit will be credited to the rent for the second semester. Unassigned depositors may claim a refund at any time. Applications for rooms in the women's residence halls have always exceeded the number of rooms available; an even greater demand is anticipated in the men's halls because of the larger number of men attending the university. Interested persons are, therefore, advised to make application as early as possible.

The Inspiration for Men's Dormitories at the University of Wisconsin:

“When a student goes out into the world, there is no other part of his education which is of such fundamental importance as capacity to deal with men, to see the other fellow's point of view, to have sympathetic appreciation with all that may be good in that point of view, and yet to retain firmly his own ideas and to adjust the two in fair proportion. Nothing that the professor or laboratory can do for the student can take the place of daily close companionship with hundreds of his fellows.”

*From the Inaugural Address of
President Charles Richard Van Hise, 1904*

