Annual Report of the Safety Committee, 1959-60

The Safety Committee held meetings on September 17, September 23, October 27, and November 17, 1959, and on January 12 and April 28, 1960. Minutes of these meetings have been filed with the Secretary of the Faculty.

Mr. Jack Trover, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, has been an indispensable participant in the activities of the Safety Committee, of which he is an ex-officio member.

Activities During 1959-60

1. The committee followed the established policy of having each committee member report to Mr. Trover directly any safety hazard observed in his building.

2. The committee requested all faculty members to report to Mr. Trover directly or to a committee member any observed hazards.

3. The committee recommended that an effort be made to secure permission from the city to close off Maryland Avenue between Kenwood Boulevard and Hartford Avenue. If the city will not grant this permission, the committee favors the construction of an overpass on Maryland.

4. The committee studied and accepted the plans drawn up by Mr. Trover for procedures to be used in case of fire in any of the University buildings, and submitted the plans to the Provost. To these plans, the committee adds the recommendation that, in case a fire, even a small fire, is discovered in any building, that the building involved be immediately evacuated.

5. The committee recommended that the doors to the stairways in the downtown buildings be altered in such a way as to eliminate the collision hazards.

6. The committee commended Mr. Trover for his effort to comply with the regulations of the Milwaukee Fire Department by requesting funds for installing a new fire alarm system.

7. The committee has requested the installation of a voice warning system in the office of the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.

8. The committee adopted and presented to the Provost plans which Mr. Trover, after consultation with a representative from the Civil Defense Department of Milwaukee County, drew up for Civil Defense procedures on the campus. ROTC students and cadet officers will participate in the operation of these plans on a volunteer basis.

9. The committee recommended that the switchboard be attended at all times when classes are in session.

10. The committee recommended that all construction areas be enclosed with a semi-permanent fence, at least six feet high, as the customary snow fence has not been adequate.

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