ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE, 1966-67

The Faculty Committee on Housing is an advisory and fact-finding Committee with responsibilities in the fields of planning new facilities, operating and maintaining campus housing units, and evaluating the overall housing program including off-campus housing. In addition to the faculty members appointed by the Chancellor, the Committee includes two students, one appointed by Student Government and one appointed by the Inter-Dorm Council, the Dean of Women, and Director of Housing, as ex-officio members.

During the year, the Committee has considered the following matters:

1. There currently are 271 students living in the residence halls. This includes 78 men and 193 women. Of this number, 102 live in Holton, 55 in Johnston, 78 in McLaren and 36 in Marietta.

2. During 1966-67, a new "off-campus" housing policy was announced. To carry out the duties and responsibilities of this policy, an off-campus housing office has been established and several off-campus inspectors have been employed. The Department of Housing now has an approved list of houses that meet University requirements. Only approved houses are listed by the Department of Housing. A total of 1,323 persons made use of the off-campus housing listings during the year. The Housing Inspectors inspected 1,033 housing units of which 101 units did not meet University standards. One of the real problems in the off-campus housing area is to determine where students actually live. The staff is presently engaged in trying to determine how many students do, in fact, live in off-campus housing units.

3. Work continues to progress in the planning of the New Residence Halls. The Board of Regents, in December, approved the preliminary drawings for the new halls, and the architects are now preparing the final drawings. It is anticipated that the final drawings will be completed in July, that construction will begin in October, and the first unit for 1,152 students will open in September 1969. The balance for 864 students will open in September 1970.

4. The Committee is aware of the increasing interest among fraternities and sororities to establish houses. In October, the first UWM fraternity moved into a nearby house. This fraternity rented a facility on Bartlett Avenue. During second semester, two other fraternities and two sororities rented houses in this area. It is anticipated that in all probability most of the fraternities and sororities will be renting houses during the 1967-68 school year. The Committee has been concerned about the difficulties that fraternities have experienced in obtaining necessary city approvals. The Committee has urged the University Administration to make a statement which supports the development of student organization housing facilities. The Committee feels that if UWM is to give support to the orderly growth and development of housing facilities for student organizations, such a positive University stand must be taken. If this is done, it will be most helpful to these groups as they seek to locate and develop accommodations, and it would also be helpful to the city and other governmental agencies to know the University's point of view.

5. The Committee was kept apprised of the changes in the "Rules and Regulations Governing Greek Houses and Lodges" and, the changes in "Women's Housing Rules," both of which were approved during the year by the Student Life and Interests Committee.
6. The Committee has been extremely concerned about the lack of adequate "free
time" recreation space on campus, particularly in light of the realization that
no recreation facilities are planned as of this time as part of the new Resi-
dence Hall.

In January, the Committee, in reporting to the Codification Committee,
recommended that a Faculty Recreation Committee be established. In the absence
of such a Committee, the Housing Committee surveyed the recreation facilities
available on campus, and has considered recommendations on both immediate and
long range recreational needs.

This report grows out of a number of concerns connected directly or indi-
directly with the housing of UWM students on or near the campus. This report does
not pretend to constitute a comprehensive study which would guide the develop-
ment of a complete recreational program. Rather, it is the intention of the
Housing Committee to recommend general development with only short-range spe-
cifics to alleviate some immediate problems. These following areas have precip-
itated the need for this report:

1. There has been relatively little planning for recreation and recrea-
tional areas from the time of merger in 1956 to the present date. This
lack of planning has been evident in the areas both of facilities and
programs.

2. The most serious situation now facing the promotion of a good recrea-
tion program stems from the lack of facilities available not only for
recreation, but for the athletic and intramural program. The majority of
the time, the indoor facilities are not available for unprogrammed "free
time" student and faculty use. The facilities are being used for either
Physical Education classes, varsity programs, or organized intramural
programs.

3. Although the amount of recreational facilities has not increased
appreciably over the past ten years, the enrollment has grown from approxi-
mately 4,500 students in 1956 to over 14,000 this past fall. The projected
enrollment figures, although varying according to source, indicate a con-
tinued increase in the population of UWM, but at this point no significant
increase in recreational facilities has been planned.

4. The new residence hall complex, which is to open in 1969, is to include
some indoor recreational facilities (table tennis and shuffleboard); how-
ever, related outdoor facilities have not been or are not being contemplated.

5. Student living patterns are changing:
   A. There continues to be an increasing interest on the part of students
      from Milwaukee to reside near the campus. Although exact or rela-
tive figures are not available at this time, the incomplete data
      lends support to this concern.

   B. The establishment of fraternity-sorority housing began only this
      past fall. At this time four groups have obtained rented facilities,
      with every indication that the majority of these groups contemplate
      occupancy of University approved fraternity and sorority housing
      by the end of the next academic year.
C. This increasing student population in close proximity to the campus will require additional recreation facilities, particularly for evening and weekend use.

6. Compounding the lack of outdoor facilities presently available is the fact that two building projects, both scheduled for completion by 1970, will usurp a sizeable portion of the open outdoor campus recreation area. The construction of the math and engineering building on Pearse Field and the completion of the addition to the Union will certainly compound the already serious deficit.

In the light of the above concerns, the Faculty Committee on Housing proposes the following to be implemented by the beginning of the 1967-68 academic year.

1. Conduct a complete survey of the current indoor and outdoor recreation facilities to insure their maximum use. To achieve this maximum use will necessitate the hiring of additional personnel so that the facilities will be open at the time faculty and students desire to use them. These facilities include Baker Field House, Engelmann Hall gymnasium and swimming pool, Holton Hall gymnasium, and the Union.

2. Establish a program for the full use of the two swimming pools located in Baker Field House and Engelmann Hall. This must include the availability of funds for lifeguards.

3. Develop adequate lighting for all the current outdoor facilities. This includes the six tennis courts, the football field behind Engelmann Hall, and the various informal gathering places near the current residence halls.

4. Develop basketball areas for non-structured play. The Committee recommends that various areas within our current parking lots be paved and lighted to satisfy this requirement. The partial tennis court behind the Fine Arts Building should also be considered.

5. Develop the lake front area connected with the Kenwood Conference Center property. This must include the development of a safe access from the conference area, clearing of the beach area, and the establishment of the minimum facilities including picnic tables, volleyball, and miscellaneous facilities. Further, the park area of the Kenwood Conference should be developed.

6. Investigate the possibilities of reaching an agreement with the Hartford School for the use of their outdoor area after school hours and on weekends.

7. Develop ice-skating facilities on campus using either the tennis courts located near the new library or the tennis courts in the North Campus, or some other area that could be flooded and lighted.

8. Work to develop cooperative agreements with the County regarding facilities near the campus; for example, reduced rates at the Pitch 'n' Put golf course.

9. Develop shower and locker room facilities for male student use in Engelmann Hall so that full utilization of the Engelmann gym and swimming pool could be achieved.

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101 10. Publish through the Office of Student Affairs a booklet describing on- 
102 10-campus and nearby recreational facilities.
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104 In addition to the high priority items listed above, the following programs 
105 should be implemented hopefully by 1969 when the new residence halls open:
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107 1. Develop outdoor and indoor recreational facilities in connection with 
108 the residence halls.
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110 2. Develop a lighted outdoor intramural area capable of accommodating the 
111 various intramural leagues and still allow for non-structured recreation.
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113 3. Develop a multi-use recreational area with onsite equipment and super-
114 vision.
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118 5. Establish a park facility adjacent to the Milwaukee River with related 
119 sports and facilities.
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121 In the event of a new varsity athletic building, it is imperative that 
122 Baker Field House, or a replacement facility, be maintained as an indoor recrea-
123 tional facility to meet the non-scheduled recreational needs of students and 
124 faculty. The location of Baker Field House is ideal for a non-scheduled use 
125 facility as it could very easily be tied in with the recreation facilities 
126 located in the Union.
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128 To insure that the area of recreation receives the attention it deserves, 
129 the Committee urges the following: One, that the Codification Committee act 
130 favorably upon the recommendation that a faculty-student Recreation Committee 
131 be established.
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133 Second, that within this semester, an Advisory Committee composed of 
134 student representatives from residence halls, fraternities and sororities, 
135 Student Government, the Union, the Women's Recreation Association, the Letter-
136 men's Club and other related student organizations be established to evaluate 
137 present conditions and make recommendations.
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139 Third, that in all future residence hall planning, facilities for recrea-
140 tional activities be included as part of the total building program.

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