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July 16, 1969

*To: Lon McAdam*

Memo To: ~~Dr. Sigmund Smith~~  
Re: Student interest in Campus Improvement  
From: Edna M. Lindemann *EML*

Max Abrams and I have been discussing student involvement in campus maintenance and beautification. I have also discussed the matter with some folks in the Arboretum.

It appears that a few student groups are or may be willing to assist with maintenance and beautification of specific limited areas of the campus. For example, Max Abrams and a group of residence hall students are interested in assisting with the Rockwell Quadrangle. David Hortman and members of his fraternity indicated interest in continuing the maintenance of the two planters and possible supplementary responsibilities in the vicinity between High Rise and Twin Dormitories.

Max has now become a member of the Arboretum Council and has agreed to work with me toward describing a group of "bite-sized" projects which we would like to "sell" to other groups.

QUESTION: THE ARBORETUM WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST THE STUDENTS IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK BY MAKING MARKER SIGNS SIMILAR TO THOSE USED TO IDENTIFY OUR TRIBUTE TREES. THESE SIGNS WOULD SAY SOMETHING LIKE "THIS AREA MAINTAINED BY THE MEN OF NEUMAN HALL", ETC. IS THERE ANY REASON WHY THIS CANNOT BE DONE?

In suggesting such student assistance and the erection of such little markers we would not wish to suggest any reflection upon the Maintenance staff, but rather indicate concern of the students for their campus and support of the students for their College. However this may be handled, it must be made clear to all concerned that the College campus is a joint concern of ALL studying, visiting, living and working here. This, at least, is the spirit of this recommendation.

The wording of the signs will differ among projects according to the specific commitments the student groups make relevant to their part in working in the area. For example, one would not expect residence hall men to take over cutting the lawn in the Rockwell Quadrangle, but we probably can expect them to take over: a) discouraging paths through the grass area; b) seeding or sodding such existing paths; c) keeping the stone sculpture pieces clean and crushed stone areas neat; d) assisting with the maintenance of the rose garden; e) assisting with trimming around bushes, etc.

EML:r  
c.c.: Pres. E. K. Fretwell  
Mr. Max Abrams  
Dr. George Laug  
Mrs. A. Rolland Wheeler