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## Women's Dorm -- An Actuality

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● The Women's Alumna! Association looks with just pride upon the new Dormitory for Women which was opened at the University last September. There has existed, for several years past a very pressing need for a dormitory for out-of-town women students; in fact, the project has been a matter of deep concern to the Dean of Women at the University. Members of the Women's Alumna! Association, realizing this, last year took definite steps toward formulating plans for obtaining a house.

A careful survey of the out-of-town women students was made. This showed that study and housing conditions in many cases were not satisfactory. Living in scattered quarters, these girls had no nucleus of university groups, and lost much of the joy of student life.

But how a dormitory with no funds to build one? Mrs. Philip Dreifus, last year's president, urged that a house be secured as a temporary dorm, and that a budget be worked out whereby it would be self-sustaining. After all available houses within walking distance of the University



*Above—The comfortably furnished living room.*



*Center—An exterior view of the Dormitory.*

had been carefully inspected, finally, through the untiring efforts of Mrs. John W. Pease, president of the Association, and Mrs. Anne McNeil Johnson, a house was leased at 166 W. McMillan, two blocks from the campus. The house committee, of which Miss Eleanore Nippert is chairman, took charge of the furnishing and opening of the dormitory. Ably assisting Miss Nippert were Miss Frances Johnson, Miss Hazel Koppenhoefer, Mrs. John W. Pease, Mrs. Homer Toms, Mrs. F. L. Palmer, Mrs. Philip Dreifus, Mrs. A. R. Vonderahe, Mrs. Earl Feitig, and Mrs. William Schoelwer.

With the exception of a few kind gifts, the greater part of the money was raised by dollar donations from members of the Alumna! Association. To reduce the expenditure, requests were sent for used furniture. There is a homelike and genial atmosphere. A capable house mother looks after the comfort of the twenty-two girls representing six States who live there. One of the unique features of the dorm is the fact that it is the only group where so many of the colleges of the University are represented, and it thereby serves to unify University group life and create college spirit.



*The cheerful and attractive dining room*