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FERRIS INSTITUTE

NEWS LETTER
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BUILDING PROGRESS. Recent progress on the new buildings is very noticeable. Footings are being put in for the West building. Floor slab is being laid in the pipe tunnel which extends from the boiler house to the West building. Two truck loads of aluminum window sash recently arrived. About half of the total required brick for both buildings has been delivered to the campus. We expect delivery and erection of steel roof decks for the East building between July 15 and 20. The first carload of glass brick is expected to arrive in a few days.

MORE GOOD NEWS. Indications are that we will probably be able to move into the first floor of the East building by October. Scheduled date for completion of the East building is December 1, 1951; for the West building June 1, 1952.

SECOND SUMMER TERM ENROLLMENT. Enrollment for our second summer term totals 312 students, as of July 6, the first week of the six-week term. Departmental breakdown is as follows: Commerce 104; Pharmacy and Pre-professional 124; College Preparatory 27; Trades and Industry 57. There are 182 veterans and 130 non-veterans. There are 291 men and 21 women.

VISITORS. Campus visitors last week included Mr. Robert D. Cahow, Budget Examiner, and Mr. Robert Gronler, assistant to the Chief of the Systems Section of the Department of Administration.

WHAT DOES IT COST? A cost-of-living survey among 46 single male students at Ferris yields the following statistics. Cost of rent a month varies from a low of \$12 to a high of \$25, with a median rent cost of \$20 a month. Food costs vary even more, according to students' estimates. Lowest amount reported was \$12 a month; highest was \$65; median was \$40.

Twenty of the men had single rooms in private homes; 15 roomed in private homes with a roommate; 6 shared apartments with others; three lived at a fraternity house; one lived with a relative; one rented a private apartment alone.

Most expensive way to eat is, naturally, a la carte in local restaurants. Apparently the cheapest way is to share an apartment which provides cooking facilities. It should be pointed out that many of our students live in Big Rapids only five days a week, going to their home towns over the week-ends.