

Publications Committee

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS,

L 211

AUSTIN TEXAS



CIRCULAR No. 1.]

MESSING SYSTEM.

Two young men from Sulphur Springs, Hopkins county, matriculated January 1885, and about the 1st of February began the experiment of boarding themselves. By request they kept an itemized account of all their expenses, and this account for the month of April is hereby given:

Room rent	\$6 00
Bread	2 50
Meat	3 00
Syrup	25
Eggs	50
Butter	60
Fish	50
Coal oil	30
Fuel	1 20
Washing	2 50
<hr/>	
Total	\$17 35
Expense for each	8 67½

As a result of the above experiment, the Regents have authorized the Faculty to announce that it is practicable for students who mess or club together to board in Austin at greatly reduced rates, and that every facility will be afforded deserving young men of limited

means to avail themselves of these rates, and thus enjoy the advantages offered by the University. With this end in view, the Proctor has been directed to rent one or more houses suitable for clubs, and upon the opening of the session (Sept. 16, 1885) to sub-let them to students, "reserving the right of supervision under the direction of the Faculty." It is recommended that students who wish to board themselves form a club, rent an entire house, appoint their own steward, employ a cook, establish and keep their own police, and manage in general their own business affairs. The clubs can be formed at the opening of the session, but it will facilitate matters if students who wish to enter into such an arrangement would write to the Proctor stating this fact.

It is believed that by availing themselves of the low rates of the messing system students can safely count on bringing their necessary expenses, exclusive of clothing, within \$150 per annum. For the benefit of those who wish an itemized estimate of such expenses, the following approximate statement is given:

Room rent — one-half — nine months	\$27 00
Board, washing, etc., \$7 per month, nine months	63 00
Furniture for room —	
Bedstead	\$2 75
Mattress	2 75
Two chairs	1 40
Table	2 25
Washstand	1 75
Lamp	75
Mirror	1 00
	<hr/>
Total for two	\$12 65
One-half of same	6 35
Kitchen and dining-room furniture for club of ten persons—share of each	5 00
Wages of cook for club of ten persons—share of each	15 00
Text-books, about	15 00
	<hr/>
Total	\$131 35

Bed clothing (including pillows), towels, combs, brushes, etc., are not included in the above estimate. These articles can be easily

brought from home, and at the close of a student's connection with the University, they, together with his share of the furniture of his room, can be disposed of as he may think proper.

Tuition in the University is by law free. The only charge made is an annual fee of \$10 for academic students, and \$20 for law students. In the case of non-residents of Texas these fees are \$20 and \$40, respectively.

Those students who prefer to board in private families will, of course, be permitted to do so. The rates in these, however, are much higher than the estimated rates in clubs. As published in the Catalogue, they vary from \$16 to \$20 and \$25 per month.

For any additional information, address

LESLIE WAGGENER,
Chairman of the Faculty.