



The redecorated Hawthorn Room, formerly the Grill Room.

Appetizing Changes at the Union

The three food service areas of the Memorial Union have undergone a drastic transformation during the summer months. Students returning to the campus may well have wondered how so sharp a change of face could be effected in so short a time. Two of the areas have new names, too: the snack bar is now the Bengal Lair—complete with a tiger skin adorning the west wall—and the Grill Room downstairs has become the Hawthorn Room. The cafeteria, richly deserving an imaginative designation, is still called the cafeteria. All three places have been remodeled and redecorated tastefully and to the extent that they bear scant resemblance to their original appearance.

The overall effect of the two large revamped areas is one of brightness, newness, and comfort, with a modern touch. This impression is given by the cafeteria and the Bengal Lair, where new booths, tables, chairs, ceilings and flooring have been installed. On the other hand, the Hawthorn Room has taken on the appearance of a dining room of an earlier day, as the designer intended; the lighting fixtures have an antique glow to them, and the wallpaper is in

harmony. A further Gay Nineties note is added by the new waiting alcove, furnished with chairs and a divan copied from period pieces in the Henry Ford Museum.

Gone from the former snack bar are the three bays where patrons were served. Gone is the soda fountain counter where patrons stood waiting for their orders which they carried to tables or booths. In their place is a so-called "skip-a-step" serving plan which is attracting attention in the restaurant world. The foods are grouped and placed so as to enable patrons to go around others ahead of them if they desire, rather than wait in line. This system works even better in the cafeteria downstairs where four separate serving areas are arranged in saw-tooth pattern to make the skip-around maneuver simple, obvious and advisable. Faster service is assured by this cutting of corners in the field of etiquette. The cafeteria is much larger now, having taken over the space formerly occupied by the University Book Store.

The tiger skin in the Bengal Lair is one presented to the University two years ago by Wynne Casteel, an alumnus who lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



Gay colors and more comfortable furniture brighten the cafeteria downstairs. Serving areas are in background at left. Removal of the book store gave cafeteria considerable additional space.

Looking south in the Bengal Lair, the former snack bar on the first floor, which has undergone extensive remodeling and decorating. As in the cafeteria, all tables, booths and chairs were replaced.

