New Life for the Landings

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MODERN DRAW DRAPERIES are new life for the Home Economics Hall landings! Here's the before and after story of the Delta Phi Delta silk screen project.

The art majors and instructors took 80 yards of ordinary rose and black denim and gave it a new textured look with a stylized design of the Maya Indian bird.

They started one Saturday morning at 8 and finished silk screening the two-color design (which means printing a total of 160 yards) at 3 p.m. that same day.

The story dates back to 1953 when Mrs. Margaret Campbell McHaffey created the Guatemalan print as part of her Master's Degree in Applied Art. This design won an honorable mention in the Young American Designer's Exhibit.

Light blue and gunmetal grey, the colors used in the drapes, were chosen by Applied Art instructors, who coordinated their ideas with the plans for the paint job on second floor.

Professional workers hemmed and hung the drapes.

The actual cost of the curtains is hard to determine. The material cost less than a dollar a yard and was specially ordered for the project. Now paint costs plus the hours of labor and craft work involved make the material valued at approximately $7.00 to $9.00 a yard on the market, or a total of $560 to $720.

The draperies were paid for with divisional funds.

"It's a big step forward in our attempt to make our building attractive and our landings in particular," Dean LeBaron said in a recent note of thanks to the workers.