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Remembering Pammel Court

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structed on American college and university campuses at the end of World War II, and, like Pammel Court, each was probably unique in its own way. The appearance of Pammel Court at Iowa State, literally and figuratively, broke new ground at the college; it represented new trends in higher education and helped create a generation of economic prosperity for the country. Although Pammel Court no longer stands, it remains an important part of Iowa State’s history as an evolving educational institution, and it is still remembered by tens of thousands of students and their spouses and children who once lived there.

Stimulated by the GI Bill and the amendments to the Lanham Act, places like Pammel Court, in all their utilitarian simplicity, transformed the meaning of a college education to individuals and to the nation as a whole.

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