$5 million dorm planned: construction starts in June

By Mike McNamara

The MIT Planning Office has received approval to go ahead on the construction of a new undergraduate dormitory.

According to Richard Sorenson, President for Operations, an architect has been retained, and construction will start in June, 1974 on a site west of MacGregor (see map). The dorm will be designed in units, each of which will accommodate approximately 50 residents. Depending on the funding available, planning will be based on three to six units housing 150 to 300 of the CSE cost of the dorm, according to Sorenson, will be approximately $5 million for 300 residents.

The architect chosen by the Planning Office for the dorm is Associates of Cambridge. Jackson is a former Dean of the School of Architecture at Harvard; his firm designed the Holyoke and admit married-student housing, and the new Science Complex at Harvard.

The construction is based on "a competitive bidding, which is according to Sorenson, "not new, but has never been used at MIT before."

Under this system, the architect and contractor are one legal entity, and work together from the beginning of the project. This eliminates the need for competitive bidding, allows construction to start much sooner, and allows more accurate cost estimates. The contract for the new dorm has not yet been named.

Design Principles

The design principles of the new dorm are based on the CSE Report of the Committee on Student Environment under Graduate Housing (see The Tech, April 13, 24, 27, 28, and May 4), and a report prepared by Sorenson and Larry Speck last spring.

The joint Speck report was intended to be an interpre- tation of the CSE Report, turning it into practical terms that an architect's plan could be based on. Further plans were drawn up by the Planning Office to go to the architects, and these were the plans which were accepted in August by the President and the Chancellor.

The design of each 50-student unit, as envisioned by Sorenson and Speck and based on a large common area which would have several kitchen areas. Residents who are not on Commons (those on Commons) will cook in the kitchens and eat in the com- mon area.

"Hopefully, as these people cook they'll see others cooking, and then they'll eat with people other than their immediate neighbors," Sorenson said. "This should promote a 'community' feeling among the residents."

The study rooms, which will be around the central common room, will be approximately 12 square singles (there will be twelve singles for every double). The average area per student in the dorm will be 475 square feet per student, the area difference reflects the different amounts of common space in each dorm (Gregor has more, Commons less), including the "Stately Fus- hioned Lounge," are currently under-utilized; the two dorms will be connected in order to balance this out in the near future.

One area that was stressed by the CSE in its report is the Housemaster-Tutor system. The CSE suggested that the system be made more informal, accordingly, Sorenson suggested that each 50-student unit have a graduate student resident ("tutor") and that there be a faculty resident for every 150 students.

Location

The location of the new dorm, according to the Planning Office, will be west of MacGregor to the Tang (West- gate) I parking lot. This includes the site of Joyce Chen Restaurant (see picture), MIT has owned the land for several years.

The Planning Office has done site studies on approximately 15 potential sites for relocation of the dorm in the MIT area. Sorenson denied that MIT had to pull out of the site in the past several years and an increase in the cost of oil, are $750,000 greater this year's freshman rush. That is an un- estimated this to the "higher quality" of this year's class. He explained, means that an un- usually large number of them will be going into the fraternity system."

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Stargardt looked back at the past several days and com- mented that although rush week started slowly on Friday and Saturday, things had picked up and were now only slightly be- hind last year. He pointed out that, considering the small size of this year's freshman class, the proportion of freshmen pledging fraternities was approaching a record and might well break the previous record rush. He attribut- ed this to the "higher quality" of this year's class. He explained, means that a usual large number of them will be going into the fraternity system."

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Notes

MIT campus apprehended for larceny of a bicycle. Subject was observed loading bicycle into his motor vehicle after cutting chain with 2-foot bolt cutters.

7/13/73

Hit-and-run accident in the MIT West Garage, resulting in extensive damage to a motor vehicle. Investigation by patrol officers determined the vehicle which caused the damage had been stolen earlier in Boston. Owners of the car were contacted.

8/7/73

Patrol apprehended students involved in larceny from vending machines. Students were using a device to tamper with the normal operation of the machines, and the vending company reports extensive damage and loss caused by the device.

8/17/73

After several reports of indentures upon women in the area, a special patrol apprehended the suspect responsible. Suspect was found to be a sick person in need of psychiatric assistance.

8/3/73

Patrol officers investigating unauthorized persons in Bexley Hall discovered three intruders who were invited in by an MIT student. One female was identified as an escapee from a local youth service institution. Parents were notified. Subject was transported back to youth services.

7/18/73

Patrol apprehended a disorderly person involved in an attempted armed assault in the Burton House area. Subject was a disturbed person. Medical assistance was provided.

8/7/73

Patrol officers observed a subject breaking into a motor vehicle adjacent to McCormick Hall. He gained entrance to the vehicle to obtain property valued at $150. The subject was apprehended after a short chase and placed under arrest.

Found Bike

The CP caught a thief in an attempted bike theft on 8/23. No one has yet come into the office to claim the blue and chrome men’s Robin Hood brand bicycle the third was trying to remove from the 33 Mass Ave. bike rack. If it is your bike, come and claim it.

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Blackmer to be appointed to post as associate dean

By Fred Hutchison

Paul Schindler

Associate professor of Political Science Donald Blackmer was appointed to post as associate dean for enrollment Management in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences following director of the Center for Career Development and the College Center.

Blackmer, who holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles, will begin his duties as of September 1. Blackmer will be responsible for the development and implementation of policies and procedures for the recruitment and retention of undergraduate students.

The appointment was made by the dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor Blackmer will have a particular focus on the recruitment and retention of minority students.

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Donald Blackmer

Appointed

Associate Humanities Dean

By Fred Hutchison

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences has appointed Donald Blackmer as its new associate dean for enrollment Management. Blackmer will assume his position on September 1 and will be responsible for the development and implementation of policies and procedures for the recruitment and retention of undergraduate students.

Blackmer is a native of New York City and received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University. He earned his Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles, and has published extensively on the political economy of developing countries.

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The Tech
The Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris last January 27, ending US involvement in a war that had raged on in Southeast Asia for more than 20 years. However, a recent survey indicates MIT students do not have much confidence in the accords ensuring political stability or peace in Indochina.

Results of a survey by the Vietnam Study Group of the Department of Political Science showed an overwhelming majority of MIT undergraduate and graduate students were critical of the way the Nixon Administration settled US involvement in the Vietnam conflict.

The survey sample consisted of 1100 MIT students, and of the 500 students who responded to the poll, project coordinators reported 85.5% said they believed the accords did not provide for permanent stability in Southeast Asia.

Most of the respondents did not agree with the way the US ended its involvement in the war. However, they also did not believe the war caused irreversible damage to the United States image abroad, the Study Group reported.

Researchers said the survey results indicated MIT students were not worried about the domestic effects of the longdraw US involvement in the conflict. Only 24.9% of the respondents said Vietnam "has caused deep rooted social divisions within the United States which are not reconcilable," while over 59 per cent replied the war caused divisions, but divisions which will be reconciled.

The Vietnam researchers also found anti-war activity by MIT students between the year 1966 and 1973 to be more extensive than originally estimated. A total of 53.5 per cent of the respondents to the survey said they participated in anti-war actions during the eight-year period, and researcher James Short G added the levels of participation in anti-war actions over the eight years follows a curve of increasing US involvement up to 1970, after which the level of activity declined.

Overall, the MIT students were almost evenly split over the effectiveness of anti-war actions. Only 13 per cent of the students labeled the anti-war movement as having no effect at all on either hastening or preventing a Vietnam settlement, although the Study Group said 48.7 per cent credited the "movement" with bringing the war to an earlier end.

The study was funded by the MIT Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP).
Consider the Presidents' Royalty

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By Jack Anderson
WASHINGTON - Thomas and Dorothy Jefferson were inaugurated third president and first lady of the United States on April 30, 1789. The day was shoppers' heaven; all the shops of the world were open, and there was a general air of festivity. The Jeffersons rode in a horse-drawn carriage to the Capitol, where Thomas Jefferson was inaugurated and, according to tradition, the new president and his wife became the first president and first lady to be inaugurated in the White House.

SUMMER NEWS SUMMARY

Compiled by Paul Schindler
(The research and writing of the summer news office were all busy over the summer, and we will see what has been condensed and appears below.)

CTSS' Final Crash
CTSS (Compatibility Time Sharing System) crashed for the final time this summer. The staff worked hard to get the program running, and the first two public 20, after 12 years of service, is being replaced by Mintris. The 2704, with calendric disorders for sentinels, was sold to a used equipment dealer.

Course XX
Dr. Louis Howard, professor of mathematics, has organized the intercollegiate history of science course. 27 students set up their own "general science" major last year.

Lunch Storchi '71 is the new representative of recent classes at the MIT Corporation. He has been at the corporation one year in the post; he is currently enrolled at Harvard Law School.

Commencements
Ninety-nine people (an all-time record) were among the 1290 people (840 undergraduates) who were graduated at 1450 degrees among the 1290 graduates who were given 1450 degrees among the 1290 people (840 undergraduates) who were graduated at 1450 degrees.

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BY BRUCE PARTNER AND JONATHAN HART

The Wizard of Id appears daily and Sunday in The Boston Globe.
Scenes from R.O. Week
Top: ZBT rushing at the Freshman Picnic. Left: The Baker House "rush" party. Right: Roulette party at DKE.

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By Storm Kaufman

In concluding weeks of the spring term and during the summer, the faculty and the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) reached some decisions of importance to students. These are summarized below.

Summer credit

As anticipated by the CEP, "It is the present policy of the Institute that a person not be assigned additional units of MIT academic credit for work done in a period when that person is not registered as a student at the Institute. The only exceptions to this policy are awards of transfer credit.

"Persons who hope to receive awards of credit for work which they plan to do this summer should register as students and pay tuition."

Special freshmen programs

Concourse and the Experimental Study Group requested "authorization to continue as cooperative modes of education for first year students." Concourse is in its second year, ESG in its fourth. The third program, Franklin-Henry Street, has no plans for continuing during the coming academic year.

The CEP reported "both ESG and Concourse, as presently constituted, represent viable alternatives through which students may fulfill the General Institute Requirements." The statement continues to say that the experiment is valuable in providing a variety of teaching and learning experiences.

However, "because there are still certain experimental aspects to these programs, however, we are not ready to bring them to the faculty for a vote on their continuation as permanent features of the undergraduate curriculum. Rather, we have decided to continue both programs for a maximum of three years, with the CEP retaining the option of re-evaluating either or both of the programs at any point during that period.

MIT-Wellesley Exchange

The CEP has made three recommendations on the Exchange, subsequent to its approval by the faculty at the April meeting.

1) A joint Wellesley-MIT advisory committee, appointed by the Presidents, from students and faculty and administrators would advise in policy matters.

2) At MIT, administrative responsibility for the Exchange will reside in the Office of the Provost. Information about opportunities for study at other schools may be disseminated.

3) The next review of the Exchange will be jointly planned by the CEP and the advisory committee, beginning in two years.

Domestic Year Away

The Domestic Year Away Program, established as a three-year CEP-sponsored experiment in the 1970 fall term, enables students to spend the fall semester in the 1971 fall term, enables students to study at another US institution with which MIT has established academic merit. They must show that the objectives of their planned program of study are consistent with their overall degree program at MIT...

Students must also demonstrate and have certified by their department that their planned program of study draws on resources available at the second institution which are not generally available at MIT or any institution with which MIT has substantial cross-registration privileges. Participation is customarily during the junior year. Only a few students have taken advantage of the program, "but the CEP believes that the Program has offered a valuable experience to those participating is it ... Rather than make a recommendation regarding permanent status for the program at this time, the CEP will continue the Domestic Year Away as an experiment pending conclusion of a more general examination of credit, residence and exchange issues."

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By Sandy Yulke

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You probably already know that MIT has more varsity sports than any other college in the country, and that it has a unique athletic philosophy (see The Tech, summer issue 1973), so we won't belabor the point here. What we would like to convey is some of the benefits that participation in athletics, formal or informal, can bring.

Athletics at MIT are not just for those who were active on various teams in high school; you're not expected to arrive here ready for competition in the Olympics. The woman who won the nationals in women's cross-country running never expected to compete, the teams are there, and they don't want it to be a painful lesson.

All undergraduates are required to complete eight points of physical education in order to graduate, and this requirement always causes some grumbling. However, you won't be surprised if you join the hundreds of students who have taken for more than the number of required courses simply because they are so much fun.

I can go on and on, but I think that the best way for you to understand sports at MIT is to try them, and a good time to start is this week! The Athletic Midway in Rockwell Cage from 7-10 pm. All of the coaches, who do the physical education instructors, will be there, along with members of their teams, to answer any questions that you may have about any aspects of athletics at MIT.

And don't forget the intersports!

MIT auto team sets record

By Mitchell L. Green

Labor Day weekend at the Bryar Nationals Joel Bradley G drove his MIT Team Pinto to an overall win over a field of Showroom Stock Sedans and Sports Cars. Dave Ziegelheim brought the car in fourth.

The winning MIT Pinto, sponsored by Arlington Ford of Arlington, Mass., finished ahead of a field of several Opels, Datsuns, Pintos, and the very quick Porsche driven by Larry Sauver.

The first practice session began in a steady Saturday morning. Joel Braleyck took his Pinto out and recorded a fast lap of 1:36.8. The afternoon was dry, so Joel went out again and got down to a 1:34.8, one full second under the lap record. The last qualifying session on Monday allowed Snover's Porsche to turn a 1:35.4. The MIT Pinto chose to sit out, adjusting the brakes and making final preparations.

Joel led from the start, followed closely by the Porschne, with the Open Farther back. On laps four and five De Gersdorff worked his Pinto into fourth ahead of Hill's Datsun, and on lap six Pi got a rear brake.

On laps seven and eight, Snover challenged Joel, pulling the Porsche alongside. Joel, however, out-drove Snover, and in the right-hand hairpin before the start/finish when the Porsche tried to pass, it went too deep, spun, and fell back to third.

Jod led from the start, followed closely by the Porsche, with the Open Farther back. On laps four and five De Gersdorff worked his Pinto into fourth ahead of Hill's Datsun, and on lap six Pi got a locked rear brake.

The auto team's cars have three races in September and October, climaxing with the Car and Driver Showdown Stock Challenge on October 13 at Lime Rock in Connecticut.

MIT's advanced divers program to hold meeting

The MIT Advanced Divers Program will have an organizational meeting on Thursday, September 13, in room 20E-017 at 7 pm.

Open water experience will include emergency procedures, lifesaving, rigging, and light salvage, u/w navigation, wreck, photography, search and rescue, and deep and complex swimming techniques.

Day and night dives in the ocean, quarries, lakes, and rivers, even under the ice layer, will be possible with the national certification and your own equipment. Questions in advance, contact Dave Michael at x3-2925.