Meet Miss Co-ed

WHEN the average Tech man is asked, "What are Tech co-eds like?" the inevitable answer is, "Appalling!" K feels that the average Tech man bases such a reply on hearsay more than on actual experience, so, for the general enlightenment, it presents a photographic survey of the activities of a typical Tech co-ed. As Miss Average Co-ed, we obtained the splendid cooperation of a freshman student of architecture.

The life of a Tech co-ed is not an easy one. First of all she must necessarily commute, there being no provisions for housing women students at or near the Institute. The girls are, however, provided with a suite where they may relax between classes, namely the Margaret Cheney Room. Commuting is a slight inconvenience as compared to the verbal beating administered so effectively by the average Tech male.

Miss Average Co-ed is not only as attractive and as capable of having a good time as her sisters at other colleges, but she is unique in possessing a reasonable sense of practicability. Miss Co-ed came to Tech because she knew she could obtain a superb education in her chosen field. Girls do not come to M.I.T. simply to get a college education; they come for specific training in the hope of some day becoming an expert in a specialized position. Not that Miss Average Co-ed is necessarily a career girl. She, as any girl, looks forward to a home and family. Women do not come to Tech to get a husband, however. We put a question regarding this to Miss Average Co-ed and her reply was, "If I'd wanted to get a man I'd have gone to Wellesley." It seems that Tech men look some fourteen miles away and completely overlook their immediate surroundings.

Tech Co-eds are proud of their school and of the work that they are doing. The friendly rivalry that exists between the students of science and those of architecture is evident among the female as well as the male students. Miss Average Co-ed, a student of architecture, feels that architecture is more aesthetic than science and engineering. What is more, she says, that as women are more inherently artistic than men, they can successfully compete with men particularly in the design of small houses.

Miss Co-ed does not like war, but now that it has come she knows that this country will emerge victorious. She thinks the war will be a long one, but as yet isn't able to conceive of war as such simply because it has not touched her directly. She does her part by knitting for the Red Cross and preparing herself for a defense position as an architect. She feels that professional fields have been widened for women by the war.

As for extra-curricular activities, Miss Average Co-ed likes skiing, ice-skating, and sailing, though she hasn't learned to sail herself yet. She is interested in the dramatic arts and heartily enjoys reading plays as well as acting in the Dramashop productions. She thinks that "Boston is so nice."

A peep into the future presents Miss Co-ed's sister, Eleanor, who is destined to enter the Institute also as an architecture student next September. We guess that if sister Eleanor is typical of next year's female contingent, the already high co-ed standard will be maintained if not surpassed.