FOR STUDENT-ALUMNI CENTER
Student Union Will Assume Vital Position In M.I.T. Life

In the past several months there has been much attention focused on the student-union idea at all levels of the academic community. The activities of the students of all undergraduate living groups at the Institute on West Campus will soon be decentralized in a way that will go beyond the facilities existing at the Kendall Square. In addition, the basement of the Barbour Field House is to be used exclusively for the Student Memorial Laboratories, which have been established in and around the building in the past years.

The answer to where these activities will be located is the construction of a Student-Union Center, forming the north wall of the new East State Street Union. This building will house nearly all student and alumni activities and provide space for all the services which must be readily available to the campus community.

Recreational Facilities

Recreational and social facilities are scattered in much the same way they were in the past. There are a few in number and are often so far away from each other that they do not serve students well. The Student-Union Center will make it possible for all undergraduate organizations to have facilities where they are needed during the year.

Beyond the above photograph of the bowling alley in the East State Union shows an installation similar to that proposed for the M.I.T. Student-Alumni Center.

Proposed Center Includes Large "Vista Lounge"

A glimpse of the proposed Student-Alumni Center—From the Student Union Committee's Report...

A main entrance of the building would open into a reception and exhibition lobby. A lobby of this kind could provide a light, yet reserved atmosphere, where the students and alumni could go as a group to discuss the center and housing certain suitable activities.

...An area on the second floor will bring the offices of the Student-Alumni to the present, activities have expanded at a tremendous rate, up to the point where there are now 123 recognized groups on campus. In addition, the other groups are scattered all over the M.I.T. campus, in such out-of-the-way places as the basement of East Campus, Building 1, the second floor of the basement of the West Campus, Building 1, Building 16, Building 9, and numerous other places, with some activities having no space whatever. The centralization of activities in the proposed Student-Union Center will make it possible for all undergraduate organizations to have facilities, requirements to literally "shake shoulders" and to have the access to the Institute's policy of decentralization of living groups.

Commercial Services

As mentioned above, Kendall Square will be very instrumental in reaching out from West Campus, and will provide the potential膻s of the Center for those activities already housed there. There are, in addition, a lack of meeting rooms, forcing groups to meet in classrooms, dormitory common rooms, or in the courts. The Student-Union Center will serve the need for space for those essential services.

It has been most gratifying to realize that the present need for the Student-Alumni Center has been recognized by the students and administrative interests alike, for the recognition of the need will be one of the greatest steps toward the final attainment of the Student-Alumni Center.

Letters

Dear Sir:

I have long known that the staff of a certain school publication have little respect for decency, but I am really revolted by the method used by this publication to boost circulation at Christmas time. I am referring, of course, to "Voo Doo Christmas Carols? How degenerate can we get when we turn something which was once considered a Christmas carol into something which is strictly forbidden?"

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