Wanted: 200 Beds

As things stand now, MIT expects to have a shortage of about 150 dorm spaces for next September’s freshmen class. Add transfer students and upperclassmen who would like to live on campus and the shortages rise to more than 200 beds.

The administration is very much against any plan that would increase the dorm density in existing housing. Despite the shortage, they want to raise the standard of dorm housing. They feel that housing is not just a place for students to sleep and study; it is an important part of the undergraduate’s environment and educational experience. Moreover, it can play an important part in his social development.

We agree completely and commend the administration’s vision in setting to improve the amenities of housing rather than making the easy, but dirtier, shortcut of packing more students into existing space.

The second aspect of the housing problem is the long run deficiency in quality of student dorms. It will be solved only by building more on-campus living space. Within five years, it appears likely that new dormitory rooms for 200 students will be called for and plans are being made for connecting the East Campus parallels; another would complete a new dorm block on West Campus.

In either case, housing will probably be as spacious as the Senior House three-floor units. In fact, one advantage in moving in a dorm will be that the amenities in the East Campus parallels; another would complete a new dorm block on West Campus.

Another, and faster, way to finance new dorms is through a Housing and Home Finance Agency Loan. The Marred Students Dormitory Committee, for this way, and its rents will be roughly competitive with similar apartments elsewhere.

Why is MIT able to use H.I.F.A. money to house married students, but not undergraduates? H.I.F.A. does not require that a dorm be self-amortizing within 20 years. Married students pay rent 12 months a year; undergraduates are on campus only nine months each year. To make up the deficiency in student residence, average costs for an H.I.F.A. dorm would have to be raised about $75 per term.

A better way to overcome this problem is to expand MIT’s summer quarters so that housing and other facilities will be available all year round. This would greatly increase MIT’s efficiency in use of facilities and might ease some of the Institute’s financial problems.

Since the administration has not yet said how large a dormitory it would like to build, the dorm committee is still in the process of drawing up plans. A new dorm block for 300 students is being considered. Only one dormitory for women would be needed because of the shortage, so the men’s dorms could be made into a coed dormitory.

Pat on the Back

Circulation up more than 30%, That’s how MIT responded to improvements in The Tech last year. But that’s not all. The Tech placed second in The American Newspaper Guild’s New England College Newspaper Competition. Not bad!”

Associate Managing Editor, Linda Rollin ’64
Chairman, Tobias Zidle ’63

Letters to The Tech

Tech Charter Flights Finances Explained

THE EDITOR,

It has been brought to my attention that the office of the Dean of students is scheduled for the Charter Flight operation in Europe in the summer of 1963. To alleviate any doubts, I would like to present an exhaustive statement of the operations.

Total Revenue $17,970
Less: To B.O.A.C. for charters $6,023
Gross Income $11,947
Less: Operating Expenses:

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(Fortech Charter Flights)

White, New Burton Housemaster, Anticipates Good Student Relations

By George McQuilkin

Professor David C. White, of the Electrical Engineering Depart-
ment, was named Housemaster of Burton House, in advance of a
cliner student-faculty understanding. In his own words, he is “bas-
ically interested in finding out the needs of the students in order to
prepare the effectiveness of the educational atmosphere.”

White is a graduate of Stanford University, where he received a
B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. Hailing living in a dormitory as an under-
graduate, he should have a feeling for the needs of the students in
Burton House. After spending

days and a half years at the Uni-
versity of Illinois, he came to
MIT in 1962.

When major fields is the en-
ergy conservation area, and he has just taken over as editorial
chief of “Advanced Energy Con-
servation” quarterly. The post
asserter he taught 6:00 and 6:00.

He saves for recreation, and recently has been working with the
freshman firm. (He is one of
the faculty’s team advisor’s)

White has been a member of the Insti-
tute Committee on Educational Policy for three years and through
it has developed an interest in the housemaster system.

White, who is troubled by the
conflict between students and
faculty, feels his “first major task will be on the establishment of
the house master system. He and his family plan to take up residence
in the house some time in February. His 11-
year-old daughter (almost 12) is
looking forward to having 550 bro-
p(photo)

Douglas Replaces Barnett
As Humanities Dept. Head

Professor Richard M. Douglas, the new head of the Department of
Humanities, who declined to give
an interview to THE TECH—Photo courtesy of Conrad Grundelheuer.