Tech Coop simplifies procedure for exemptions from sales tax

The Technology Store of the Harvard Coop, in cooperation with MIT, has worked out arrangements for students to claim the state sales tax exemption for textbooks with a minimum of inconvenience. The sales tax regulations for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts which went into effect last year except the purchase of any textbook "required for instructional purposes" from the payment of the three percent sales tax on that book. In order to claim this exemption, the Commission on Corporations and Taxation requires that the student present the form with a form, signed by an authorized officer of the Institution certifying that the book was "required for instructional purposes" from the payment of the three percent sales tax on that book. After an investigation, which included a survey of methods used by other Boston area institutions to comply with the law, MIT and the Coop formulated a plan which it is hoped will be a minimum of inconvenience to students and staff alike. Blank forms, signed by Professor William N. Locke, Director of Libraries, will be available in all MIT Libraries, including the Reserve Reading Room on the fifth floor of the Stratton Student Center. To claim his exemption, the student should obtain forms, fill in the blanks with the name of the textbook and for which it is required, and present the forms to the cashier in the Coop at the time he pays for the books. Only required books for courses in which the student is actually registered should be listed.

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OFFICES IN THE STUDENT CENTER

To form auxiliary dorm

Apartment house rented

By Gerry Banner
A new apartment house at 27 West Street, Cambridge has been leased by the Institute as an auxiliary dormitory to alleviate the housing shortage on campus. MIT's newest living group will house approximately 45 students and resident tutors in the 8 four-room apartments. Groups of six students will inhabit suites consisting of a kitchen, living room, and 2 bedrooms. The West Street dorm will contain air conditioning and wall-to-wall carpeting.

Similar to Bentley
Only about 13 of the residents of the new dorm will be freshmen to insure adequate representation of the upperclassmen. The format will be very similar to that of Bentley Hall, and Oxford may also be optional. The new dorm is located off Central Square behind Cambridge City Hall about % of a mile from the Main Buildings of the Institute.

The housing problem has reached critical proportions with the conversion of 45 East Campus single rooms to doubles. In addition 3 floor lounges in Baker House have been converted to triples to house overflowing freshmen. During Rush Week, before 360 freshmen had pledged and to be located west of Burton House, is now in the engineering drawing phase, and will reduce the overcrowding considerably it will be erected. Meanwhile, the Institute has secured a five-year lease on the West Street facility.

925 frosh arrive at MIT; boy, 15, seeks soph status

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Belmont, Mass., the son of Professor Eugene E. Couvert, Aeronautics and Astronautics Department; William D. Kingery, Jr., Marlin, Mass., the son of Professor W. D. Kingery, Department of Metallurgy; and Patrick M. Lehey, Swampscott, Mass., the son of Professor Patrick Lehey, Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering.

New Degree Offered
This year's class will be the first to whom the new degree of Bachelor of Science in Art and Design will be offered by the Department of Architecture. Undergraduates who elect this program will be able to earn a degree in four years in any one of four areas of concentration: architecture, city planning, visual design or history, theory and criticism of the visual arts.

MIT is also planning to offer a half-credit humanities major for the first time—subject to the approval of the MIT faculty at its meeting next Wednesday. Until now at MIT it has been possible to choose a humanities major only in combination with a major in engineering or science—a double major. The new humanities major would give students with multiple interests and talents more freedom to change their minds.

Dr. Zalewski named Course IV professor
The appointment of Dr. Waclaw Zalewski as professor of architecture at MIT has been announced by Dean Lawrence B. Andrews of the School of Architecture and Planning.

Dr. Zalewski is widely known for his pioneering work in shell and prefabricated structures, especially because of the ingenuity and purity of form of his designs, and has often been referred to in Europe as "a new Pier Luigi Nervi."