Housing problems attacked

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The problem of housing for MIT students in a college that has attracted a lot of attention in the last few years, both from the students and the Administration. While the total enrollment at the Institute has increased, the number of available places on campus has not kept up. About 300 undergraduates are housed on campus along with 430 graduate students. The院milies hold approximately 1250 students, and Westgate has 210 students and countless coeds. This leaves about 500 undergraduates and countless married students without places to live.

Housing Service

The Community Housing Service in Room 7-102 is the office where MIT students go to get help in finding apartments. This service, originally under TCA, was under the direction of Dean Fasset during the last couple of years, and has existed as a part of the Institute Real Estate Office since July 1, 1966. Under the direction of Mrs. Mary Covert, the Community Housing Service serves as an efficient clearing house for landlords and tenants, and its purpose is to try to help students and staff find the kind of housing they want.

Mr. Covert explained that the housing shortage at MIT is, in fact, a shortage of the kind of housing that most people like to have—good inexpensive housing, and fewer people have moved out of the existing apartment. Mrs. Covert also said that students now are used to better living conditions, and that they have higher aspirations in housing than students in the past. The Community Housing Service helps by trying to establish good relations with landlords in the area, hoping that these landlords will inform them when apartments become available. In the last two years, the number of listings over the course of the year has increased, but the number of visits made by people looking for housing has increased faster.

Agencies help out

Mrs. Covert explained that the Community Housing Service works in many listings as it can, but sometimes real estate agents are more helpful, since they can show more properties in a certain price and quality range at one time. She said that she had been notified recently by some FHFA limited-income housing in Brighton and Boston that would be open to some married students. However, the housing situation around MIT is far from ideal, and it will be very hard to improve it quickly. The Housing Service feels sympathetic toward the plight of students in search of housing and regrets that it can not obtain excellent housing for everyone.

Challenge noted

Mrs. Covert suggested that learning to cope with the housing problem may be considered part of the process of education, as much as it is an experience and a challenge. It is mainly a matter of attitude. Looking back on his college days ten years from now, the Techman in his plush suburban mansion may be amused by the opportunity he had to live for a couple of years in a basement apartment in Cambridge.

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