Student life combines...

Gardens vie with buildings

New campus architecture meets research demands

In an effort to meet the continually increasing demand for more advanced research and institutional facilities from the nation and its students, MIT has, in recent years, embarked on a program of expansion of unprecedented magnitude. New research facilities and improvements to the old are constantly under construction throughout the campus. Always striving to fulfill its goals of service to industry and the nation, MIT is expanding rapidly in order to fulfill its reputation as an institution of higher learning that is unsurpassed in the world today.

Center of student affairs

During this period of growth, nearly all departments have benefited in some way, shape or form. The Julius Stratton Building has become the center of student affairs. The reading room is open 30 hours a day, allowing many students to make their home there. The Student Center contains the Tech Coop, a pool room, a bowling alley, a barber shop, and public dining rooms. It is the center of many student activities and student government. There are various rooms for reading, TV, darkrooms, and lounges. The Sala de Puerto Rico is the scene of many social events during the year. On the fourth floor, several activities have offices in which they make their headquarters.

New buildings

The Cecil and Ida Green Building is a prime example of the new growth at MIT. The monumental height of the Green Building makes it the focal point of the campus. Its twenty stories house research facilities for the geosciences, oceanography, and meteorology as well as classrooms for courses offered to all students.

On the East Campus are the Hermann Building and Eastgate. The Hermann Building contains the Institute's Humanities facilities. See the picture on page 6 for a good view of this new building. Eastgate, the Married Student's Housing, is nearly completed and will be ready for occupation next year, thus releasing pressure put on facilities for housing due to a shortage of rooms.

The John W. Whitney House was dedicated at the beginning of this year. Located on the Charles River, it contains all the equipment necessary to keep the two rooms in shape for round. There is a distinct possibility of future plans for various new buildings.

IFC accepts more responsibility, as fraternities attempt to improve

The fraternity system at MIT must be considered an integral part of the educational experience to be gained at the Institute. The fraternities attempt to improve the community they make their headquarters.

Community responsibility

Moreover, the Interfraternity Conference has also demonstrated its leadership to the community in which it lives—the annual IFC blood drive. The students met the demand from the Hospitals in the Boston area, netting a new record: 300 pints this year. In addition, the IFC has instituted a community relations program to show that MIT fraternity men intend to be responsible citizens.

This program has been carried out in a number of ways. At a recent IFC meeting $2500 was presented to the Back Bay Planning and Development Corporation to show the IFC's deep concern with the long range planning and development proposals which this group is concerned with. "Operation Clean-Up" was instituted by Back Bay Fraternity to enhance the physical appearance of their neighborhood, while the new Community Relations Committee of the IFC has been instrumental in establishing IFC responsibilities as a responsible voice in the discussions and decisions at various committee meetings in the Back Bay.