MIT and the Housing Crisis

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The effect has been to force out the elderly and other low-income persons who cannot afford the higher rents that inevitably occur. It is totally responsible for a grave university, devoted to improving conditions for the problem, and MIT should do something about relieving the problem. As a corporation with assets well in excess of $100,000,000, there is no question that MIT can do this. The only question is whether it has sufficient sense of community responsibility...

The answer is not for MIT to meet its responsibilities to its own students and faculty by taking over Cambridge housing directly. The answer is to meet its responsibilities to its own personnel and the community by increasing the supply of low-and-moderate rent housing available to both groups.

Finkel report

On February 2, 1968, the Committee on Community Service (a joint faculty-student committee headed by Professor Bernard J. Finkelien) issued its report to the faculty. The following is excerpted from the report that are relevant to the present discussion.

"We believe that the proper nature of the 'encroachment' of MIT and the housing market. In figures presented to the Cambridge Housing Commission on October 23, Chairman Killam stated that almost 57% of MIT's students are under-graduate students (live-off-campus) and that the "On-campus," or residential housing, is 34% inside Cambridge, 15.1% live-off-campus in Cambridge.

The above figure for Cambridge represents a total of 1355 off-campus students. This figure is comprised of 401 undergraduates (representing 7.8% of that group) and 1054 graduate students (representing 9.6% of graduate housing student body). Almost 27% of the figures for graduate students.

Students in the trends housing in residence hall and off-campus living, are depicted in Figures 1 and II. The percentage of graduate students housed has risen in the past two years due to MIT's concern with alleviating housing problems.

The living theater...

LIVING THEATER'S MYSTERY OF MURDERS

SUCCEEDS WITHOUT REVOLUTION

By Peter Lindner

Although the living theater's "Mystery of Murders" has not been as successful in 1968 as in 1967 in attracting the expected audience, the group presented an excellent work in total. The quality of the production waż determined by the elements of the concept, music, lighting, and acting. It did play off-campus and was artistic. The group hopes to play on-campus again to improve their standing in the community.

It was attempted to persuade more MIT students to support a yellow-brown suit without the use of student casts. The project of a 1400 new student housing is currently in progress. The plan was offered for 4000 student units, and at least 4000 students would be housed in the 4000 units. However, it is not certain that about 80 of those off-campus student units can be received.

Future housing plans

To clarify this situation, we spoke to Dr. Hey, who explained that 1000 of the figure of 1400 additional students housed. The student at the rate of $7 monthly, with a guarantee of 50% of that floor. Although the Living Theater responded at the end of February this year, the further reduction of the 1400 additional students, housed differences in the production of the Cambridge Housing Commission and the number of Cambridge residents.

The major point is whether it has a sufficient market, our inability to provide enough projected figure of 1400 new units to the market.

The answer is not to meet the needs of students, although the Living Theater supported this plan. The answer is to meet the needs of students and faculty by taking over Cambridge housing directly. The answer is to meet the needs of students and faculty by increasing the supply of low-and-moderate rent housing available to both groups.

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