MIT plans new dormitory

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Sources in the Housing Office have told The Tech that a new dormitory, tentatively known as "MacGregor II," will almost certainly be built in the Westgate area, along the lines set up by the latest Committee on Student Environment report (which will be published in the near future). The most optimistic date for completion is September of 1976.

"Currently, we are in the study stage," said Dean for Student Affairs Robert Sorenson. "We have narrowed the site down to the Westgate area—the area from MacGregor to Westgate II and a little beyond. We are now considering several sites in that area. If we can go to the architects with our specifications by spring, we could expect to have it ready for occupancy by the fall of 1976."

Studies being undertaken by the Dean's Office include polling students, especially freshmen, to determine how students choose their residence, and what they want in it. The major influence in planning the lifestyle and internal organization of "MacGregor II" will be the report of the CSE, which will replace the 1963 CSE report as the main statement of MIT's undergraduate housing policy. According to Professor John Graves, chairman of the CSE, the new report should be published soon and will be made available to all students.

"All I can say now about the organization of the new dorm is that it definitely will not be a traditional 'corridor' dorm like Baker; it will probably be a suite-type of arrangements," Sorenson said. "We will probably de-emphasize the concept of 'house,' with an entry-sized unit of 30 to 50 students being more important. There will be no Commons or dining facilities provided, because 'any students who want Commons can be served in MacGregor.'"

Sorenson pointed out that the title "MacGregor II" is a misnomer, because the dorm will not be designed along the lines of MacGregor.

Monetary resources for the building of a new dorm are conspicuously absent. N.C. Lees, Director of the Development Office, told The Tech that there has been no priority assigned to raising funds for the dorm...

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