Dorm life once much softer

By Robert Nillson

It was not too long ago at MIT when the dorms cleaned students' rooms, made their beds, and in some cases even helped in personal prob-
lems. Since the 1950's, with the cutback in money, services like in-room cleaning have been gradually phased out.

In the early 1950's, according to Joseph Lynch, House Mana-
ger of Burton, who was a porter in East Campus during part of this time, there were porters in East Campus, Baker, Senior House, and Burton after it was bought by MIT and converted from an apartment hotel to a dormitory. In East Campus the porters would get the clean linens from the basement and change the beds and towels weekly. The floors would be washed and waxed. Everyday the beds were made. It was an unusual job for a student to tell his porter he had a date that night and ask him if he might really shine his room up for her.

According to Leonard Whaley, who worked in Burton during its early years as a dormitory, the manager of East Campus, there was quite a rela-
tionship between the porters and the students. Both he and Lynch agree that the students knew the porters as people and the porters knew the students well. The porters could see the effect the clean room had on the student. The porters would find out a good time for polishing the room from the student, who gave the porter information on his class times and meal sche-
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