Will Year Round Operation work at MIT?

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tal and other fraternities -- it will be impossible to organize,

MIT houses some 30 percent of its undergraduates in frater-

nities, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Ken-

th Browning '66. Under Year Round Operation, frater-

nities will have to accept a third more members and keep their

beds filled in the traditional fall or spring terms. In other words,

that each fraternity, like the Institute, will have to have one

third more members and keep their beds filled in the traditional

fall or spring terms. Each house will have trouble

matching the enrollment patterns of its brothers to ensure

that every third member will be away each term.

Dartmouth fraternities have no problems handling Year

Round Operation because more than half of the fraternity

members are in residence (as "social members"); a reserve

pool of spaces for fraternities to draw upon as they develop

vacancies each term. Since MIT frater-

nities members are defined as living in fraternities, this pool

will have to be expanded enough to cover the new terms.

To assume that YRO will force educational innovation is to

shovel craps with students' education.

doesn't exist; Year Round Op-

eration is a relic from the Dark

Age of higher education. Just

as the dawn of the Industrial

Age called for mass production

in factories, the coming of

Year Round Operation will

require "mass housing" in

Dartmouth-style dormitories.

Wadleigh's report, which covered

the Engineering Task Force, was

the first to hint that MIT might

impose on families something

like the "social members" at

Dartmouth and other colleges.

The same holds true for the

year round housing that</n>