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By Tony Zamparutti

There has been "a fair amount of concern" in the administration about unfilled spaces in the dormitory system, noted Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Robert A. Sherwood. At present there are two vacant and 43 crowded dormitory rooms, according to Barbara Church, Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA). 500 Memorial Drive has the most vacancies of any dormitory (18), with MacGregor and New House following with 15 empty rooms in each. 13 graduate students are housed in MacGregor, said Church.

The dormitory system is meant to be "self-sufficient," noted Sherwood, and any shortfall this year would be made up "with summer rents or from next year's." George Hartwell, Assistant Director of Housing and Food Services, said "What's going to happen...? We really can't sell yet.

Sherwood blamed the vacancy problem on several factors, including the reduced freshman class size and the opening of 500 Memorial Drive. A new quota imposed by the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department on transfer students reduced the size of the transfer class from 125 to 75 students, according to Sherwood. The decision to impose a quota on electrical engineering transfer students "was not formally announced to anyone" by the department, said Sherwood, and was not taken into account by the ODSA in its estimates for dormitory occupancy levels.

"A larger group [of undergraduates]..." (Please turn to page 15)

Corporate advisory committee on hold

By Burton Kaliski

MIT's Corporation Joint Advisory Committee (CJAC) has been placed on standby status, according to Secretary of the Institute Vincent A. Fulmer '33. "CJAC activity has varied from an intense series of meetings concentrating on a particular subject to periods of relative inactivity," Fulmer said. "Now is a period of relative inactivity."

"I don't think that the Corporation has had issues to ask of CJAC that have not already been handled by another committee. CJAC is now searching for what its role should be, other than as a standby committee," Fulmer added.

The role of CJAC, which was established by MIT Corporation on March 7, 1969, "is to associate with the Corporation in a broadly representative group at the Institute to which the Corporation can turn to for consideration and advice on special Institute-wide matters requiring Corporation attention," according to an October 1980 report.

"CJAC's unique in that students, faculty, and corporation members meet together and discuss general topics," Fulmer explained. He said that "it provides communication on matters of long-range importance."

"CJAC is an unusual recurrence committee, usually meeting in the fall, to get a feeling of outlook for the year ahead, and to do work, if needed," he added. "It can be turned to when necessary at other times."

Fulmer also indicated that "As MIT has grown over the past decade, many of the original purposes of CJAC appear to have been covered by other committees. The configuration and outlook of the student body is different also."

CJAC's projects over the years include recommendations to the Corporation concerning MIT's General Motors stocks, the Simplex properties, and Ralph Nader's Project on Corporate Responsibility. The committee also oversaw the selection of both former President Jerome B. Wiesner '40 and current President Paul E. Gray '34.

At present there are 14 student members on the committee, four corporation members, four faculty members, and six students.

Organization representatives include: CJAC chairman Claude W. Brenner '47, Hall P. Altschul, Jr. '47, Paulette Coleman, Angus N. MacDonell, and Gregory Smith '30.

Faculty representatives are: John Bostock, Edward H. Bowman '36, Fernando J. Corbato '56, and Felix H. M. Villars.

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