Dorm overcrowding worsens

By Katie Schwarz

First in a series on issues affecting housing and class size

The rising number of upperclassmen returning to residence halls will continue to contribute to overcrowding of undergraduates, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert A. Sherwood.

Many students desire on-campus housing this year, because housing in the Boston area is rising rapidly. All colleges in the area are experiencing dormitory crowding as a result, Sherwood said. "Everyone got taken by surprise."

The scarcity of affordable housing is likely to continue because little moderate-income housing is being built, he explained. "It would suspend we are in for a long haul."

Sherwood expects the number of students leaving the dormitory system between terms to remain at the same low level, just as the number leaving during the summer has dropped. "I suspect the same thing (that caused students to remain last year) is happening," he said.

Sherwood has denied housing to over 40 undergraduates on the waiting list because of the crowding situation. The waiting list includes 9th term undergraduates, readmitted students, fraternity upper-classmen desiring dormitory spaces and transfer students who were not among the 40 transfers given Institute housing in a lottery earlier this summer. The Institute has no plans and no funding for more student housing, Sherwood said. MIT's current financial priorities are the endowment, financial aid and engineering.

"If we had to do it all over, we would not do it again," he said. "We don't know how to deal with 15,000 people and 3,500 beds."

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