Perkins approves new housing tenure policy

(Continued from page 1) chances of getting housing, Wereley added.

First-year graduate students need Institute housing, Wereley continued. Around 40 percent of the graduate students are from foreign countries and many of them have problems with language and customs. New students that are refused Institute housing are crowded into converted basements while they attempt to find housing, he noted.

The housing problem has been increasingly mentioned by accepted graduate applicants who declined to attend MIT. Around 14 percent of accepted applicants who turned down MIT's offer of admission in 1988 cited the housing situation as a negative factor in their decision, according to a GSC letter to Perkins. In 1978, none of the accepted students who turned down MIT because of a lack of housing, the letter noted.

One of ten MIT graduate students would have been dissuaded from coming had they known about the housing situation, according to the Graduate Student Council Survey Report of 1986. Giving housing to students who are new to the Boston area would be a "tremendous benefit," Wereley said.

The policy was designed to maximize revenue and to provide more free-year graduate student housing. Because students can lease the rooms only on a full-year basis, more rooms will be occupied during the summer months, thereby increasing rent revenue.

The GSC spent the past year designing the policy, Wereley explained. "It's a great example of students, administrators, and faculty working together to achieve a common goal," Wereley said.

Tang opposes plan

Douglas Kirkpatrick, president of the Tang Hall Executive Committee, said his committee opposed the plan. The Tang committee objected to the idea of converting tenured and untenured apartments and halls, such as Fernald and Dickson, into residential housing for graduate students as early as September 1989, but will more likely open in 1990. The housing will probably consist of apartments rather than dormitory rooms.

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Food managers satisfied with their performance

"Home of the High Sneakers" and Baker House would have adopted "The Baker Bar!" Financial figures for the first six months will not be available for at least a month, but ARA has probably kept any deficits "within manageable limits for the Institute," Leibwitz said.

"It's been a tough six months with all the changes we've been going through," Beaman concluded. "But progress is still being made."