W2 May Be Used as Housing

By Nicola A. Sherry

As part of a solution for the overcrowded conditions in the dormitories, the religious center, which is currently in building W2 near McCormick Hall, will be moved to building W11 by the Spring of 1994. This change will enable the buildings W2 and W3 to be used for housing.

Building W11 is now the home of the Center for Advanced Visual Studies (CAVS), but the research program by that group is being phased out. Two plans are being considered for the conversion of W2 and W3 to housing, according to William R. Dickson, senior vice-president of MIT. The more likely one would make the two buildings into all-female undergraduate housing. The second possibility would make the buildings residences for the housemasters of Ashdown House and McCormick and convert the current living spaces of those housemasters to student rooms, he added.

This project is still in the planning stages, but the administration wants to get this done as quickly as possible.

"My goal is to bring this additional housing on-line by September 1994. I hope we can achieve it," Dickson said.

Building W11 will then house the offices of the religious chaplains and student activities which are religious in nature. The Kocher Kitchen, which is now in the Blue Room in Walker Memorial, will also be moved to Building W11. This dining facility may also serve as a Muslim disfacing.

There will be a seminar room, a small reference library, and a video room which might have a satellite connection to be used for religious and cultural programming. There will also be a semi-recessed space for a Muslim temple to replace the one which is currently in the basement of Ashdown.

"Most of the activities will center around space that would be consistent with its proximity to the chapel," Dickson said.

"This space is designed to be inter-religious as possible. I hope that it will allow ample opportunity for mixing," said Bernard J. Campbell, the Roman Catholic chaplain.

Although the conversion of this building is still in the planning stages, it is set to be finished as early as January 1994, and no later than June 1994, according to Father Campbell.

Any continuation of CAVS research will be determined at a later date.

MISSING BIOLOGIST RETURNS TO MIT

By Abhijith R. Valsnath

On June 21, Dori Ginsberg, a postdoctoral fellow at MIT, who had previously disappeared in mysterious circumstances, returned to her home in Brookline. She told Brookline police that she was well but had decided to move toHAVANA because of her work.

"I was wandering around," Ginsberg told The Boston Globe, in order to explain her bizarre departure. "I wanted to be by myself." She stated that although she realized that her husband would be worried, she had no idea that her disappearance had led to such a massive regional search.

Ginsberg, a 31 year old Israeli neurobiologist, is currently working under Professor Robert Horvitz. She was frustrated by her research and felt that she was unable to master the required research techniques at a fast pace. She was changing changing jobs, according to Dr炫耀 horvitz and colleagues. However, Professor Robert Horvitz said that he was pleased with Ginsberg's work and wanted to have her continue working with him.

Brookline Police Sergeant William Ellis visited Dori Ginsberg at her apartment after her husband reported that she had returned. "She looked good, healthy and normal and she apologized for causing so much trouble to find her," Ellis told the Globe. She said that she had traveled and had not seen the husband. She was not willing to provide any more information on her sudden and unexplained disappearance or her reasons for leaving. "I think there is more to it," Brookline Police Captain Hauke Brackett told the Globe. "But it is not a crime and she is over 21. She is allowed to have if she wants."