Gym Floor May Not Be Sound

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not likely to be replaced. The cost of this “floor is estimated at around $60,000,” said Walsh.

Securing the facility is also not a cheap or easy task because the doors to the gym must remain open to serve as an emergency exit in case of fire. According to a survey done last year by Campus Activities and Campus Police, a number of groups from outside MIT were using the Walker gymnasium.

Walsh said that in one incident, someone broke through a wall to turn on the lights to the gymnasium.

In addition, getting supervision on the weekends to handle emergencies is difficult, said Walsh.

Weekend access to the gym was never part of the official recreational program, Walsh added in the past, the gym was only open to groups who scheduled their time with Campus Activities. Eventually, more casual access to the gym was allowed to students.

Last year, students used the third-floor gymnasium for a pick-up games of basketball or volleyball on weekends, according to East Campus President Pang Gupta ’95. The gymnasium was used on weekdays as a place where students take exams. Students cleared desks from the gym Friday nights and set up the desks on Sundays.

“A lot of students have been asking about it: East Campus, Senior House, and Eastgate — there are a lot of people who would like to have an athletic facility on the east side,” Gupta said.

Students seek access

Gupta, Shaukat, East Campus Faculty Resident Kenneth A. Oye, and East Campus House Manager John P. Corcoran represented students at a preliminary meeting with Walsh and Dean of Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Arthur C. Smith last December.

At the meeting, Corcoran, Gupta, Oye, and Shaukat objected to the lack of communication with east side residents in making the decision. “I think all parties involved should have been communi- cated with,” said Corcoran.

Only parties who had officially scheduled usage were notified. However, postings were placed in the gymnasium according to Walsh. Gupta and Shaukat then drafted their proposal to reopen the gym." Solidarity. The proposal also stated that reopening the gym would “help alleviate some of the demand at the athletic facilities on the west side of campus.”

Walsh has not yet responded to the proposal. “It’s frustrating. To date, there has been no progress,” Gupta said.

However, Smith is trying to arrange another meeting in the next few weeks. “We are trying to get the group of people together to talk about what can be done,” Smith said.

This meeting would involve all parties — Campus Activities, the Athletic Department, Physical Plant, the Safety Office, and the management at East Campus.

Dorm Compromises On Dry Policy Party

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“This motion and the proposal [on governance], were all brought up at the end of the meeting. The stress and the length of the meeting affected people’s judgment because they all just wanted the meeting to be over,” he said.

Frawick added although “the house doesn’t buy [the alcohol] and you can’t drink it in the basement and in the lounge... people can still drink in other places. And there are no penalties for people who don’t follow the rule about the restricted areas.”

“I’m kind of relieved that the issue is mostly over. There are a few rules about the [restricted areas].” Gupta said.

“If we keep on organizing [on governance], were all brought up at the end of the meeting, and the motion. “People have told me that random activities are effective at drawing people to Random. If they didn’t have fund- ed activities. Freshmen are not attracted if you don’t offer anything. I got involved in activities, and I ended up staying.”

The motion is not meant to make Random Hall anti-rush, but rather to let the motion to Walsh (’95), on the house to attract freshmen, David R. Baker ’94 said.

Random Hall spent approximately $1,500 last year on house-funded rush activities. Much of the money was spent on food and a beach trip last fall, Schutte said.

It’s everywhere you want to be.