Zoning Board Must Approve Use of Building by Sorority

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move," said Hibert, who was house manager during Alpha Phi's first year off campus. Living in the dormitories is "not the same thing as being part of a community that's a cooperative living group," she said.

"I'm really excited about having an opportunity to live off campus in our house. It's absolutely gorgeous," said AXO member Kelly M. Hetherington '97. "I think that we're all going to have to make a few sacrifices in moving into the house, but I think it will be worth it to live with all of our sisters."

Although MIT has agreed on a price and signed the sale agreement, "we said we do not want to close on this property until we get through the process of getting a zoning variance for its use as a sorority house," said Imerman. "Independent residences is "not the same thing as student living groups."" Imerman said. "There's a process" will be held with residents surrounding community and would make the sorority housing more amenable, Imerman said. The site for the proposed house is "more or less the right to owner ship." An architect is creating the drawings that will be submitted to the zoning board. MIT will hire a general contractor to perform the necessary renovations after the zoning is approved, Imerman said.

"It is our hope that we would be able to achieve a move-in for fall semester," Imerman said. However, "there are very many variables between now and then." Location, renovations considered

Several criteria went into the selection of the house, Imerman said. "The first issue is zoning," he said, because available property in most of the Back Bay area cannot be used for fraternity or sorority housing. MIT looked for a location reasonably near the main campus and also adjacent to "services and things that are going to support the needs of student life," Imerman said. The house is near the Kenmore Square area. "One of the best things about it is that it's in a nice, safe neighborhood, and that there's a T-stop nearby," Hetherington said.

The building is currently zoned as both residential and business, Imerman said. Changing the zoning to residential is "as easy fact, the surrounding community and would make the sorority housing more amenable," Imerman said. The cost of renovating the building must also be considered, Imerman said. "Independent residences have to support the cost of renovation for houses," he said. "There's a certain point at which you can't afford to do it." The amount of renovation will not be large because "fortunately in this particular case it is a truly beautiful building," Imerman said. "Having been in single-family use, it was maintained very well." Andon, from Page 1

earning a master's degree in architecture from MIT in 1930. While a student at MIT, Anderson earned the prestigious Paris Prize for post-graduate study at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris.

Anderson returned to MIT in 1933 as an assistant professor of architecture. He became a full professor in 1944 and was named head of the department in 1947. He served as dean of the School of Architecture and Planning from 1965 until his retirement in 1972.

Anderson rethought school's role

Under Anderson's leadership, changes were made in the direction and curriculum of the architecture program. The School of Architecture and Planning also rethought its role as part of a technological institution.

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