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About 30 percent of graduate students live on campus, including graduate resident tutors, said Graduate Housing Office Manager Linda L. Patton.

The committee is looking at the possibility of increasing this number to 50 percent, said Margaret A. Jablonski, associate dean for residence and campus activities.

The area between Sidney Street and the railroad tracks is one possible site for new graduate housing, according to Simha.

But construction at this site would not actually begin for another three years, Randolph said.

There are no immediate plans to increase the amount of undergraduate housing, but many of the dormitories are considered for renovation, Jablonski said. The recently released Housing and Residence and Orientation Week report, prepared by an Undergraduate Association committee, recommended renovations in Baker House, Random Hall, and Senior House.

"We are trying to educate ourselves about what MIT has done in the past to meet its housing needs, such as renting buildings and the contributions of fraternities and sororities," Randolph said. "We are also looking to see what is available to meet the housing needs in the years to come and to anticipate any problems before they arise," he said.

The athletic facilities on west campus may also be renovated, Simha said. "Some of our existing facilities are old World War II air- craft hangers, woefully inadequate to meet the needs of our population," Simha said in a Planning Office videotape, "MIT in Cambridge, Past, Present and Future."

"The new facilities will likely be built in stages as funds can be raised," Simha said.

Cogen plant to start in 1995

The cogeneration plant under construction on Vassar Street near Building 41 is expected to begin operation in spring 1995, according to Simha. He added that the surrounding street surfaces have been damaged by the construction and will need to be repaired.

"When MIT moved to Cambridge in 1916, it was originally designed to generate its own electricity and steam," Simha said. At that time, it was less expensive to buy the electricity and steam, but now it is less expensive to produce it, he said.

Another project already underway is the consolidation of MIT's parking facilities into new garages. The former commercial garage at 310 Massachusetts Ave. is currently being renovated to house Safe Side vans and Physical Plant vehicles, Simha said. The new garages will free the western portion of Vassar Street, which is the site of several parking lots, for other uses such as housing, Simha said.

The Institute continues to landscape areas on and around campus. One example is the new garden that is being installed north of Building 56, Simha said.

Landscape is also planned on Carleton Street, Hayward Street, Amherst Street, and Vassar Street west of Massachusetts Avenue, Simha said. This is in accordance with an agreement MIT made with Cambridge last year. The Institute donated land to the Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcohol Rehabilitation shelter in return for use in the planning of these streets.

Also, bicycle lanes will be added on Vassar Street, Simha said.

MIT has recently completed work on 640 Memorial Dr., west of Next House, which is leased to corporations and light industries, Simha said.

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students can experience a different learning environment. Heitman said, Wellesley "is a beautiful campus to visit, and it can be interesting to meet and study with non-MIT students."

Class at Harvard is "harder than I thought it would be, because it is a lot of memorization," said Krista L. Tibbs '95, who is taking Greek to fulfill her Medieval Studies concentration requirement. "Here we can logic the answer; there you just have to know it."

"The advantages are getting to see the very different academic environment at Harvard. They take their humanities classes very seriously," Milner said.

"I take a nice break from MIT three times per week," said George N. Mouskoumis '94, who is taking Harvard classes. "Plus, it can't hurt to experience another university, especially if it's one like Harvard." He is taking two Harvard graduate classes: Probability Theory (Statistics 210) and Game Theory (Economics 2052).

Scheduling can be a problem

Despite the advantages, students have noted some difficulties with taking classes at Harvard and Wellesley. Coordinating the MIT and Harvard schedules is a common problem, especially with travel time included. The schools also have different calendars, and the final exams are scheduled at different times — Harvard has final exams in January.

"Getting away from MIT for a few hours is great. The only difficulty I can see in the program is getting it to fit your schedule," Sable said.

"One disadvantage that I don't know many people there since I'm not a part of the Harvard community," Mouskoumis said.

All full-time MIT degree candidates are eligible for the program. But they cannot take more than two regular or one intensive Harvard subject each term. Credit earned during cross registration is equivalent to regular MIT credit.

Students taking third- or fourth-level foreign language subjects at Harvard or Wellesley can count the subject as the HASS-D language option, with the submission of a petition. Students can also petition