Students Question Security of MIT Card Key System

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machines, copy machines at Graph-
ic Arts, and washers and dryers in the dormitories, according to Assis-
tant Director of Housing and Food
Services Kenneth R. Wisentaner. The office has also improved the
process to replace lost cards.

Each card reader costs about
$5,000, Wisentaner said.
The card key system was chosen because there is a higher level of
security than with keys, said Chief
of Campus Police Anne P. Glavin.
In fact, the crime rate decreased
30 percent since dormitory card key
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