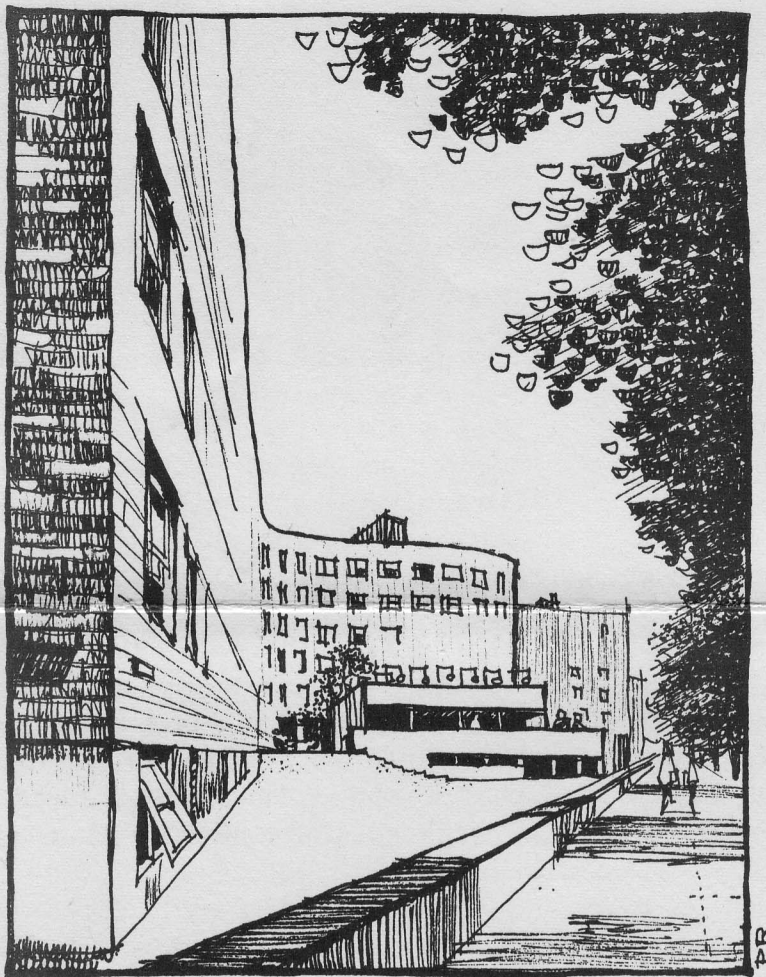




BAKER HOUSE

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AS FAR as its residents are concerned, the Everett Moore Baker House is superior to all M.I.T. living groups. This pamphlet was prepared by Baker's freshmen orientation committee to give you an insight into dormitory life in the hope that you carefully consider Baker House as a potential residence. You choose us, we don't choose you and so to make the information about our dormitory a little more complete we'd like to take this opportunity to tell you what it's like to live in Baker House. So here goes...

HIGH SOCIETY

Undoubtedly, one of the important features of Baker House is its social life. The house residents are provided with ample social functions throughout the year, and hardly a week end goes by without something happening for the benefit of the men and their dates. Baker's social committee frequently holds small, informal parties, attended usually by twenty to thirty couples from within the house, in the cozy but comfortable Master Suite Lounge. Many acquaintance dances are held at the beginning of each term, affording the M.I.T. freshmen, an invaluable opportunity to meet girls from the numerous colleges and universities in the Boston area. Later in the year, two or three large parties are held in the spacious dining room. These are typified by lavish decora-



tions and novel motifs. Fifty to one hundred couples attend these gala affairs, of which some of the most popular are the traditional Las Vegas party, the Christmas Semi-Formal, and the Jungle Party. Furthermore, Baker takes an active part planning and participating in Dormitory Week End, a three-day affair to which many men bring dates from home. All in all, the student who is looking for a pleasant evening will find it at Baker House.

Dear Freshman,

A hand offered in friendship is a welcome sight to those new to a strange city and institution of learning. In all probability, this is not the first nor will it be the last time you are welcomed to M.I.T., but allow me to be among the first to extend the greetings of the residents of Baker House.

In the years to come, you will be making many decisions on your own. One of the foremost of these decisions is where you plan to live at M.I.T. Be it a dormitory, fraternity, or apartment, you will have an opportunity to form close friendships with students from the four corners of the globe.

We feel that Baker House presents a friendly atmosphere and an environment which strikes a happy medium between the social, athletic, and academic facets of an undergraduate education. We consider Baker House the finest home away from home.

We hope that you will drop by and say hello when you get to Boston. Perhaps you too will feel the way I do about Baker House, and if so, I welcome you into our comradeship.

Donald Graham

ATHLETICS

When choosing a living group for the next four years, many of you will want to know how you can participate in sports. Not all of you will want to take the time to be active in sports. However, for those of you who do, M.I.T. has one of the finest intramural programs of any school, in addition to varsity competition. The most active participant in this intramural program is Baker House.

A few statistics may be in order. This year over one hundred Bakerites played intramural sports, and to accommodate them, over thirty house teams were entered in the fifteen sports. The coveted all-sports trophy representing top over-all performance was won by Baker House this year. So, whether you are a full time sportsman, or just one for a few hours a week, Baker House has full athletic facilities for you.

GASTRONOMY

At Baker House we have our own dining room where meals are served five days a week. We are the only dormitory with such a facility; and although required to purchase the meals, we enjoy the pleasure of family style dinners. The food is of surprisingly good quality with roast beef, steak, and lobster highlighting a widely varied menu.

Each week end Baker residents have the opportunity to visit many of the popular eating places in and around Boston. Such famous names as Durgin



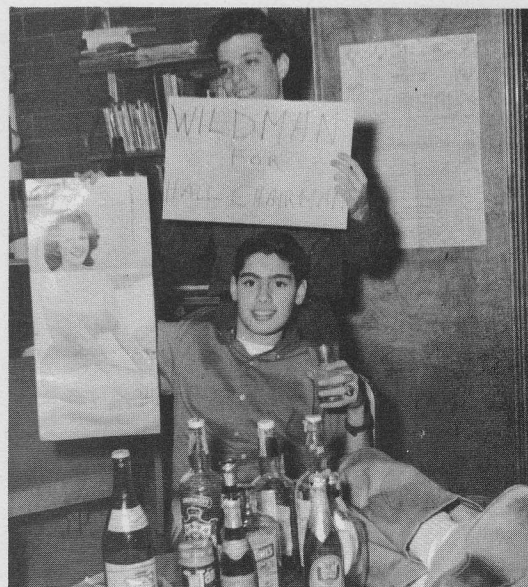
Park, China Town, and Elsie's are a must for every Techman. It doesn't take long to find that Boston offers more in the way of eating than the much acclaimed cod and baked beans.

FACILITIES

In the spirit of modern architecture, Baker House was designed to be functional. For pictorial splendor, front rooms afford a scenic view of the near-sacred Charles River and the Boston skyline while rear quarters overlook Kresge Auditorium, the Dupont Athletic Center, and the Chapel. It is a well known statistic that Baker House is the only dormitory having its own dining hall, which on week ends is colorfully decorated to accommodate the house's larger social functions. Since a characteristic trait of the college man is the propensity for debate and discussion, the dining hall is utilized frequently for butteries to which a figure of public or Institute interest is invited. Meetings, bull sessions, and small intimate parties are held around the fireplace in the attractive Master Suite Lounge. If one has musical inclinations, the audio line, newly converted to stereo, broadcasts the finest in classical, popular, and jazz recordings while the music room beckons aspiring talents to practice on the baby grand piano. A brand new TV set welcomes television lovers to cast away the burdens of matriculation for a few hours of entertainment. If this has no appeal, the billiard and ping-pong tables offer the athletically-minded an opportunity for physical culture. Practically speaking, the laundry room with newly installed washers and dryers enables the residents of the house to launder at a modest cost. Yes, Baker's internal facilities are unsurpassed within M. I. T. living groups.

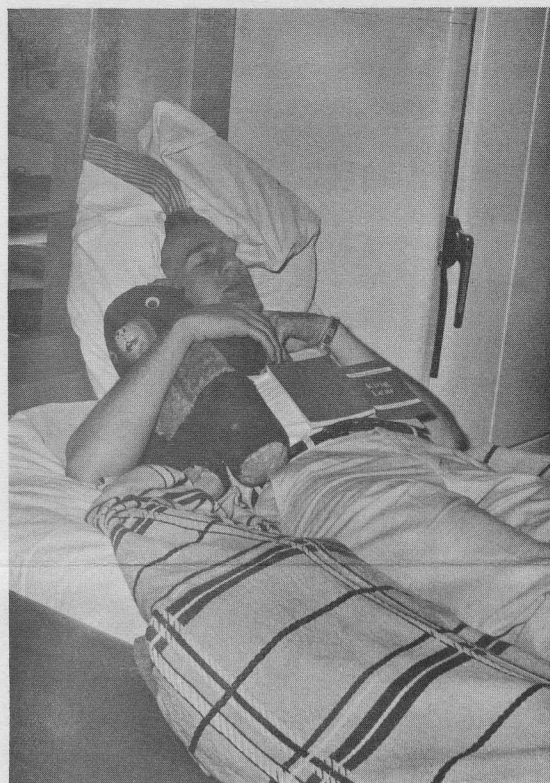
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

For the burgeoning politico, there is ample opportunity to become active in house affairs through House Committee and its sundry subcommittees. Elections are held each term for titular floor representatives and anyone is eligible for office. There is also the Freshman Council which aids in various house activities. This year Baker freshmen have copped two of the three class offices; and on the domestic front, several have been elected to posts on House Committee.



THE FACULTY RESIDENT

The faculty residents at Baker House are Professor and Mrs. Norman Holland and their charming daughter, Katherine. Being an M.I.T. graduate himself who recognizes the rigors of undergraduate life, Professor Holland cordially welcomes students to discuss anything from topics of a serious nature to minor personal problems. During the year, every Baker resident is invited to an informal sherry and cider party to get acquainted with the Hollands. In the spring, Professor Holland will be succeeded by a senior member of the faculty who will probably remain as housemaster. The housemaster system employs the talents of a housemaster, assistant housemasters, and tutors. On the approval of House Committee, this system will be introduced into Baker House to further enhance the student-faculty relationship.



COUNSELLING

Under the auspices of the freshmen orientation committee, Baker's counseling system advises the incoming freshmen on the varied facets of Institute and dormitory life. Experienced upperclassmen who have volunteered to counsel four freshmen throughout the academic year are eager to forward information on studies, activities, social life, dining places, clothes, and stores. If academic subjects tend to make you feel remorseful, there is always an upperclassman to lend a helping hand. Also, there are freshman quiz reviews held the night before each examination in physics, chemistry, and calculus. If you'd like to study somewhere else besides your room, the Master Suite Lounge, the dining room, and the library (which will be completed during the fall term) are usually available. As a result, the cumulative average of Baker House is consistently well above both dormitory and fraternity ratings.

AND SO WE CLOSE this brief glimpse of Baker House with the hope that you will soon become part of it. No matter where you decide to live, however, you can always be sure that you'll be welcome to visit Baker. We know that you'll foster many lasting friendships there.

