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The Massachusetts Institute of Technology's new dormitory, formerly the Riverside Apartment House on Memorial Drive, Cambridge, will be named the Alfred Edgar Burton House in ceremonies to be held on Alumni Day, Monday, June 11.

The dormitory, which was purchased a year ago, has been completely rehabilitated to accommodate 610 students. The first section housing 200 students was first occupied last autumn, and the remainder of the building is now ready for occupancy.

The new dormitory is to bear the name of the Institute's first dean. Dean Burton joined the staff of the Institute in 1882 and served as assistant professor of topographical engineering from 1884 to 1889 when he was promoted to the rank of associate professor. He was appointed dean in 1902 and served until 1922. Dean Burton, who died in 1935, was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1881. It was there that he formed a great friendship with his roommate Robert E. Peary, and later he actively assisted Admiral Peary in organizing his early expeditions. He accompanied the expedition to Greenland to recover the famous Cape York meteorite and while there made some of the most valuable

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scientific observations ever made in the Arctic. Later he organized an M.I.T. expedition to Sumatra to observe the total eclipse of 1891. Dean Burton was known and loved by many generations of M.I.T. students and he was influential in building up the Institute's system of undergraduate student control of activities. During the First World War Dean Burton was supervisor of the Naval Schools of the United States Shipping Board. It is hoped that his son, Justice Harold H. Burton of the United States Supreme Court, will be present at the ceremonies naming the new dormitory.

Burton House is the second major addition to the Institute's dormitory system since the war and will permit the housing of almost 2200 unmarried students on the Institute's campus. The Everett Moore Baker House, housing 350 students, was completed two years ago. Burton House, which is the first Institute dormitory to be completely maintained by a student staff, has been provided with specially designed furniture to permit more comfortable and gracious living and study conditions for its residents.

Professor William H. Brown of the Institute's Department of Architecture has served as consulting architect in the redesign of the interior of the dormitory. Residents of Burton House will have the convenience of their own snack bar and recreational areas but will use the main dining rooms in either Baker House or the Graduate House for regular meals. The new dormitory includes a suite for a resident master.