Clearinghouse staffed by IFC

By Irene C. Kuo

This year's R/O Clearinghouse was staffed by fraternity members, the first step of a plan by the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs to turn the operation over to the Inter-Fraternity Council. In recent years, the workers consisted entirely of dormitory residents.

Despite the change, the purposes of the operation remain the same, according to Bob Rich '90, a fraternity member who coordinates Clearinghouse with Furic Claci '90, Jay Berkbelt '91, and Andrew Greene '91. These purposes are:

- to assist the independent living groups with their rush by keeping a list of the ILGs seeking people and by helping them locate students they wish to rush; and
- to assist the OSDA by keeping track of room assignments and by providing the OSDA with up-to-date information on the progress of rush.

"The OSDA felt that the IFC should be involved with running Clearinghouse because the IFC benefits a lot from the operation," Rich said. "Eventually, the hope is to have the people involved with the systems project working, in paid or unpaid positions, under the IFC."

No abuse so far

The "Clearinghouse 1989 Manual for Workers" specifically prohibits workers from "monitoring or otherwise requesting information about a new student for purposes other than rushing (e.g., parties, socialization activities, athletics)" and prohibits release of information to the press and unauthorized persons.

Very strict security codes and an honor system have prevented any abuse thus far, Rich said. Fraternity members are involved at the lowest, or "worker," level of the committee, since their inclusion this year is only an experiment. To further ensure security, workers this year cannot generate lists of freshmen who have visited a house or find out how many visits they have made.

Since administrators, who have more access to the database, are required to wait ten hours of previous Clearinghouse experience, these posts are still comprised of dormitory residents. Rich, however, foresees changes next summer; of the seven "masters," who are responsible for the functioning of the database, two will be fraternity members.

First year Athena was used

This year marked the first time Project Athena was used to run Clearinghouse. From 1975 to 1988, the committee relied on "Deep-thought," a computer in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science that was decommissioned this spring.

"We had no other choice," Rich said. "People should be made aware of this."

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Fraternity workers staff Project Athena workstations for Clearinghouse.

Thistle stories have little effect on fraternity rush

By Linda A. Angelou

Four articles which ran in the September Thistle and focused on the negative aspects of fraternities and fraternity rush had little effect on rush, according to Inter-Fraternity Council President Tony Gerber '90.

"RUSH: An Insider's Guide," which detailed behind-the-scenes mechanisms used by fraternities during rush, was written by Alphonso '91 Damascus President Penn Loh '90 and member Archon Phi Tau Omega President Penn Loh '90. A three-article series by Caroline Lee '90 focused on alleged problems of sexual harrassment in the fraternity system.

The main reason for the articles was to "inform freshmen about things they wouldn't hear otherwise," Loh said. Most of the information given to freshmen about fraternities and their rush practices are "sanitized," Loh explained, and this was an attempt to give freshmen "the whole scoop."

Almost a third of freshmen asked why they had never heard about the articles. Of the remaining two-thirds several felt that, although the articles seemed a bit exaggerated, they were "helpful." One former student had heard several freshmen saying that they would not rush any fraternities because of the article. He explained that because this would increase the number of freshmen seeking dormitory housing, it would be more difficult for him to get the dormitory of his choice.

While a few other students discussed the negative effects of the articles, some saying that the articles made them a little wary of the rush process, the majority stated that the four Thistle articles had no effect on their rush.

Kappa Sigma Rush chair Derek Mohar '91, like most of the fraternity rush chairs asked, also felt that the articles had little effect on rush. Because the fraternities and sororities "thought it through and were very prepared, there was no result of an effect," he explained.

The sensationalistic nature of the articles (especially the three by Lee) also lessened their effect on rush, Gerber said. The tone, as well as the use of examples that "were blatantly untrue," made them "more of a stereotype rather than an honest warning" to freshmen, he added.

"People should be made aware of these issues," but "because the articles were not done in a professional manner they didn't even serve that purpose," Gerber said. Phi Gamma Delta (FIU) Rush Chair Miles Arnone '91 agreed, stating that while the "articles discussed issues of an important nature, they discussed them in a way that trivialized them."

Since the articles did not provide the "frats' side," they also "damage their own credibility," Arnone said. If the authors had "wanted to make a point, they needed a more balanced view," he noted.

Lastly, the articles "failed to address that IFC includes sororities, coed fraternities and a female living group," according to pika president Joseph Vanderwuyt '89. In so doing the articles supported the idea that rush is for men, he said.

Tosci's to open in Student Center

There will be a Toscanini's Ice Cream store in the Julius A. Roth Student Center "by the first of October," according to owner Gus Rancatore. The opening will end a year-long production process that was "time-consuming and frustrating," Rancatore said.

It was MIT who approached Rancatore with the idea of opening a Toscanini's in the Student Center. After having conducted surveys to determine which stores would excite student interest, Rancatore said, "we felt that Toscanini's was a good opportunity as well as a fun thing to do," he said.

Toscanini's was the ice cream that was supposed to open the Student Center, almost a third of freshmen saying that they were "open long ago," Rancatore said. Instead the store was relocated to beneath the outdoor stairs, an area which was once handicapped access ramps.

The enclosure of this area was simple, but the fact that it was "the wrong location at the wrong time" for a Toscanini's "damaged their own credibility," Rancatore said. At one point it was estimated that construction costs would reach $250,000 "before furnishing or equipment," he noted.

The new Toscanini's also ran into financing problems. Initially, MIT had agreed to finance the project, but then decided against doing so. With financing at a standstill, Rancatore applied for a removal permit. Proposers of the project, which would may change the wording of Proposition 1-2-3, according to an article in last Thursday's Cambridge Chronicle. The referendum, which would allow tenants of rent-controlled apartments without any definite wording.

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Cambridge rent control laws may change

By Revere M. Lerner

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Soviet ethnic violence continues

Nationalist leaders in the Soviet republic of Azerbaijan say a strike has shut down most of the area's factories, stores and trains. The Azerbaijan leadership was caught off guard by a disputed territory now administered directly from Moscow.

US aid to Colombia arrives

Two US military transport planes arrived in Colombia Sunday, carrying the first of the equipment the US is sending to help Colombia wage war on drugs. The US has promised $65 million dollars worth of aid. As the American ambassador was making a speech at the airfield where the planes landed, reporters heard gunfire in the distance. The sounds turned out to be from a man with an automatic rifle, who killed one other person, and wounded twelve. Police shot and killed the attacker before he could do any more damage.

58 arrested in South African protest

While South Africa's acting President, F. W. De Klerk, declared yesterday in his final campaign speech that white domination must end, police disrupted rallies by anti-apartheid activists. In their biggest ever beach protest Sunday, thousands of blacks marched at a beach designated for whites only. Police made 58 arrests, but waited two hours before breaking up the protest. Police have released Anglican bishop Desmond Tutu, the Reverend Allan Boesak, and other anti-apartheid leaders. Police arrested Tutu after a meeting at a Cape Town church was declared illegal.

Cuban airliner crashes on takeoff

It's feared death toll in the crash of a Cuban airliner will reach at least 135. Cuban officials say all but one of the 126 people aboard died when the Soviet-made jetliner crashed last night in Havana. At least ten people on the ground are feared dead, as well. One official says that a thunderstorm during takeoff may have been a factor in the crash. The airliner was on route to Milan, Italy.

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Injuries plague Pats

The news was not encouraging for three New England Patriots' defensive starters serious injuries in Friday night's pre-season finale. Cornerback Ronnie Lippett and defensive end Garin Veris will be lost for the entire National Football League season following surgery to repair leg injuries Saturday at Massachusetts General Hospital. And outside linebacker Andre Tippett underwent surgery yesterday on an injured shoulder. The team said Tippett will definitely miss the regular-season opener, September 18th, against the New York Jets. Any further time Tippett misses will be determined by what doctors discover during surgery.

U.S. Open continues

Ninth-seeded Tim Mayotte yesterday moved into the quarterfinals at the U.S. Open Tennis Championship for the first time in his career. Mayotte ousted seventh-seeded Michael Chang. Sixth-seeded Andrew Agassi also advanced to the quarterfinals, beating Jim Grabb. Petri Kellner, the top-seeded woman at the Open, defeated Ros Fairbank, and number-eight Helena Sukova beat Larisa Savchenko.

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Compiled by Linda D'Angelo and Revere M. Lerner
What would they give for your MIT bed?

Column by Karina O'Malley

A friend called me and after chattering a minute or two she said, "Look, I just got this for a meal at lunch. How much would you pay for lunch? My dime is out." Sure enough, the operator came on and said, "Please deposit...I said, "See you at the Marathon" and we hung up. Over lunch, Colleen told me her plan. I've saved the last two $50 checks and I'm going to catch a bus to Cambridge. I have a friend there. She says we can get a two-bedroom apartment for $300 a month." I wished her well with mixed emotions. I would miss her terribly, but Colleen was getting out! She was leaving the ranks of the homeless.

And I thought of Margaret Woodruff, a mutual friend of ours, who is now permanently housed in the Forest Hills Com- munity. She had been unable to find a place to rest during the day of the Marathon last spring. She wandered all over the city, but her usual haunts were filled with tourists and spectators. By the time Rose's Place opened their doors that night, Margaret was exhausted. Several hours later her heart failed and she died.

Colleen and Margaret are two of the more than 35,000 women who are working at the Cambridge Ar- morel Shelter this winter. I learned for the first time the real cause of homelessness: the lack of affordable housing. Many of the guests work a 40-hour week, support, children, and struggle to come up with the first month's rent, last month's rent, and security deposit needed to get an apartment in Boston. There are very few success stories, and many of the ones who do find housing, like Colleen, have to leave the city.

The blame for this lies on many hands and there is no bene- fit to pointing fingers after the damage is done. But Boston rents are skyrocketing and forcing more and more people off the streets, and something must be done.

As a MIT student, many of you receive a copy of Rachel and Her Homelessness in the Public Source of Information about this national concern. More compel- lingly, it is making a sexist blunder in selecting a female writer.

Women have been reading books on homeless men like Colleen, and very few success stories, and many of the ones who do find affordable housing. Many of the women I met while working at the Cambridge Ar-

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Sony Portable CD Breakaway Boom Box. Hyper Bass, Doby B. automatic.

Philips 4-Head HI-FI VCR. Makes your movies look like a pro shot them. (VP-6985) Reg. $499.95..............$499.95

Philips 4-Head HI-FI VCR. A versatile VCR - from a leader in home video. (VT-9500) Reg. $699.95

Boston Acoustics Mino Bookshelf Speakers, (J-40) Reg. $179.95 pr. **$199.95

JVC Mini-VHS Camcorder. Fully-automated (SA-403) Reg. $799.95

JVC 13" Color TV with Remote. Multi-color on-screen programming channel guard. (G-1320) Reg. $279.95

Yamaha Mini-Boom Speaker. $119.95

Kenwood Double Cassette Deck. Index scan. Doby B. (KX-59U) Reg. $219.95...........$189.95

Yamaha Full Logic Cassette Deck. Doby B.C. (KX-115) Reg. $229.95..............$199.95

Kenwood Multi-CD Player. 5-disc plus one. (DP-4010) Reg. $349.95...........$299.95

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Yamaha CD Player. 6-disc plus one. (PD-4010) Reg. $349.95...........$299.95

Yamaha CD Change. 6-disc plus one. (PD-4010) Reg. $449.95...........$449.95

Denon 45 Watt/Channel Receiver. With remote volume control, 16-station presets. (DR-201) Reg. $249.95...........$319.95

SONY Sound Speakers, (A-40) Reg. $59.95

Kenwood 20W x 2 Mobile Amp. (KAC-520) Reg. $109.95..............$99.95

Kenwood 8x 2-Way Speaker System. (KFC-9806) Reg. $79.95 pr. **$59.95

Nokia Transportable Cellular Phone. Features R22-channel capacity, 30-number memory. Goes from car to car. Perfect for the addicted family or frequent rent-a-car business traveler. With bag Comes with FREE microphone! (MN-2000) Reg. $449.95...........$329.95**

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JVC CD/Laser Disc Player. Plus all 5-day demo. The ultimate in digital audio and video technology! (CD-1100) Reg. $699.95..............$469.95

Kenwood Auto-Reverse Car Cassette Deck. 18-station preset. (KRC-1003) Reg. $199.95..............$169.95

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Kenwood Auto-Reverse Car Cassette Deck. 18-station preset. (KRC-1003) Reg. $199.95..............$169.95

JVC Programmable VCR. Easy search functions. (VP-4050/51) Reg. $299.95

Kenwood Programmable CD Player. Gold design. (DP-410) Reg. $199.95...........$179.95

Kenwood Hi-Performance CD Player. Digital volume control, 6x oversampling. (CD-910) Reg. $449.95..............$349.95

Kenwood Multi-CD Player. 5-disc plus one. (DP-4010) Reg. $349.95...........$299.95

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