By Lee Gissinger

MIT and the Fraternities
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IEC Rush Chairman Steve Altchuler didn't think that he was "very happy" with this year's rush. Rush Week got off to a slow start Friday night, Altchuler mo office activity picked up on Saturday, however, and by Wednesday afternoon 18 houses had closed their front doors as they had stated they would do. The desired size of the class was 1025, and MIT has accepted admission to MIT. The desired size of the class was 1025, and MIT has accepted admission to MIT.

The process was complicated by several factors. First, the admissions office indicates that the house had ceased active rushing. As of mid-afternoon, Altchuler said that three houses "are trouble" while many others had placed more freshmen than they had stated they would bring. The biggest competition in this year's rush, according to Altchuler, was with the fraternities and the dormitories rather than between different fraternities. However, he added that there was a large amount of cooperation between the dorms and the Fraternity of a given year.

The on-campus houses (located on Memorial Drive) had more freshmen than they could handle while the houses in Boston's Back Bay area (where the pre-dominant number of MIT's fra-

inted to be only a small increase over previous class sizes. Even if all admitted freshmen were eventually active, there will be no excessive strain on academic planning. Historically, it could be noted that the size of the admitted class each year closed to cover a long period of time. This number included a handful of women, usually less than 10 per cent of the total, which was as many as MIT could provide housing for. Starting in the early sixties when McCormick opened, the number of women went up in proportion to housing opportunities. So did the class size. Finally, last year, because of co-ed living and increased housing, sex quotas were removed from admission decision.

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A mid-shouts of " Cockroaches!" and "I swear I saw a cockroach in my room!" the first-year freshmen were being shown their dorms for the first time this year. In the rush to complete dorms for the new students, some classrooms and dormitory rooms were not yet ready. The problem was compounded by the tremendous overcrowding situation on campus.

"It's not fair," said one of the freshmen. "I signed up for a dorm, and here I am, sleeping in a single room." Another freshman added, "I'm supposed to be in a double, but there's only one bed."

The overcrowding situation has been a problem for some time. In the past, the Housing Office has tried various solutions to alleviate the problem, such as sharing rooms and using triples.

"We're doing the best we can," said a Housing Office worker. "But it's a real problem." The office is working on a plan to alleviate the overcrowding, but it will take time to implement.

The freshmen are not the only ones affected by the overcrowding. Many returning students have also had to deal with the problem. Some have even been forced to move into single rooms.

"I was expecting to share a room with a roommate," said a returning student. "But I got a single, and I don't even have a roommate." The student added, "It's not fair, I paid for a room with a roommate."
Browning said that the freshmen-on-campus rule, except for commuters from home, would not be lifted. He said that if the situation becomes worse than with the third level overcrowding can handle, some freshmen would have to be temporarily housed in Ashdown until spaces opened up (which eventually would occur).

One outstanding point for improvement is in the area of coed housing. Only 41 women selected McCormick, or some part thereof, into a coed living group. This brings to light an old controversy. The residents of McCormick voted in a house meeting last year to go coed, but respecting the wishes of a highly vocal minority, McCormick remained a place lived in and controlled solely by women. Their highly justifiable argument is that women at MIT should have the option of an all-female environment. But, as the trend toward coed preferences continues to grow stronger in successive freshman classes, the tradeoffs between such an option and the satisfaction of the residents who live there against their will becomes highly questionable. Perhaps the dissenting MIT women will have to forego this option in favor of changing times and preferences.

According to both Janet Markham, McCormick President, and Dean Browning, the final decision on the fate of unisexual housing will become highly questionable. The residents of McCormick will rest in the hands of the Admissions Office is planning an extensive recruitment program to try to meet this goal.

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in the coming discussions, leaving the decision solely up to the McCormick women.

Dean Browning also noted that plans concerning new undergraduate housing at MIT were in the very initial stages of internal discussion. These arrangements might proceed along different lines than the existing suite and entry style of MacGregor, the apartment style of Burton and Ashdown, or the traditional styles of Baker, East Campus, and Senior House.

One easy solution to this problem would be to admit more women, while keeping the class size constant. This would provide the slighted dorms with the coeds they need to maintain their programs at an effective level. And, since about a third of the admitted women select McCormick, it could be nearly filled by first choicers. The Admissions Office is planning an extensive recruitment program to try to meet this goal.

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Who's going to pick up the tab? By Paul Schindler

Times are tight for financial aid at MIT, and they are likely to get worse before they get better. There are several factors contributing to this: the economic downturn, the studentization of the freshman class, steeply rising tuition, and a gradually increasing need for financial aid. To top it off, the University has to decide on three factors which are within its power to do: the structure of the administration, the quality of the student government, and the influence of the student body. To review the options, the following is a discussion of the factors involved.

The question of parental wealth has been in court before, but certainly not since the movement towards full city-

The Technology Loan Fund, a major source of money for students (the major source) and a source of pride for the Institute's financial aid operation, has run into hard times. In the past, it has had a few close calls, but never before has it had to cut enough to prevent a major cut. This situation has been in the making for some time, and the results might have been worse if things hadn't been going so well. In any case, it is now clear that the Technology Loan Fund is in trouble.

The system of wealth determination is not like the one used by most other institutions. The basic principle is that the student's financial aid is determined based on the student's own income. The Institute has a special committee to review the results of its financial aid procedures, and it has made a number of changes in the past to improve the system. These changes have been successful in the past, but they have not been enough to prevent the system from being overwhelmed by the number of students who apply for financial aid.

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This graph charts the sharp rise of MIT's yearly tuition over the past 25 years. Tuition has exhibited a pattern of exponential growth: tuition seems to double about every 12 years, for an annual percentage increase of 5%. If tuition continues to increase at that 5% annual rate, MIT's second centennial celebration in 2061 should see a staggering tuition charge of half a million dollars!

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An architectural menagerie at MIT:

By Paul Schindler

There are seven undergrad-

uate dormitories on the main

campus of MIT. They stretch

from the oldest on one side

(Senior House) to the newest

on the other (MacGregor). Each

has its own distinctive style and fla-

vor, uniquely difficult to de-

scribe.

Very few people have spent

much time in a majority of the

Houses. But there is one group

that "sees them where they live"

in the dormitories, and that is

the Dormitory Telephone

Service.

It is unfortunate but true that

opportunities for exploration are

slowly being choked off for any-

one but a physical plant type

worker. An incredible rise in

the number of calls has forced

the "architectural psychology"

vogue at the time of their

construction. Some of the rooms

seem to be arranged on a suite

system with three or four rooms

fronting on a common living

area. This is not unusual, since

MIT students share a bath per

dorm. These rooms are precious

to students in the long range

and communication, at least

between the people in the

same suite. The spaces may vary

in shape and appearance from

suite to suite, but they are

usually provided with

studying area for sharing

and for using during

parties. There is a notable

absence of all-male

rooms, which is noteworthy

if nothing else.

Senior House

Senior House is the oldest

dorm on campus, and is located

right next to what used to be the

President’s house. The house is

still there, but the President

of MIT rarely is; he controls it,

and uses it for social functions or

an occasional cat nap, but it has

not in fact been the presidential

residence for several years.

Senior House does not need a

location next to MIT’s president

to lend it distinction. It has

many claims of its own, primar-

ily as the oldest dorm, which

was also one of the first to go

co-ed. Senior House is actually six

dorms in one suite, each with

its own name; each with its

unique bar to efficient

phone work. These selfsame

barriers reveal something about

the "architectural psychology"

of a place and its use.

Student residents are being asked

for longer hours than before.

Some for the first time, others

by request of the House. This

might be having its effect on

the "architectural psychology"

of the house, even so. There is

an incredible rise in the

amount of work being done on

public halls face blank walls

that portion of it which can be

seen locked individual rooms,

and often a common

area in

room that opens into their own

suite seem to know each other

in passing, a far different

situation than in the public

halls.

It has for some time been an MIT

home for being the place to go if your

head is in radicalism or rock

music played loud.

It is difficult not to impossible to

get to any sort of statistical check on the accuracy of

these rumors. In spite of many cate-

gories for classification, Institute

housing records do not include

any notation for "free thinker"

or "prominent weirdo and dope

smoking radical." There are

straight people living in Bex-

ley’s component houses, and

they surely appreciate pay-

ing what is rightfully one of the

lowest rents on campus, while

having one of the most central

locations next to MIT’s president

and the offices of administration.

Approaching Bexley from the

outside might come one that

there is some kind of paranoia

here, there are four parts to the

dorm, which Senior House, where the parts are named, Bex-

ley’s component houses are

known only by number) and each has its own locked door.

There is no common deck, mak-

ing it unique among dorms.

But it should be remembered that the building was not origin-

ally designed to be a dorm: it

was once an apartment house,

designed admirably for that

purpose, but not necessarily in its

present incarnation.

The seeming architectural

utility is not reflected by the

looking on campus. Most of the

public areas are very “pop-art”
in appearance: broad areas of

splatty color, silvered surface,

celling tile and wall to wall

carpet as far as the eye can see.

This might be having its effect on

the occupants, few by the individual

suites (which share a kitchen).

Indeed, leaving aside their indi-

vidual merits, the people of Bex-

ley are, as a group, the frien-

dlies on campus to outsiders.

There is no unspoken feeling that

is shared by residents. It has

character is shared by residents.

The rooms not only do not open

onto the occupants who have to

go about their business. But

there are other things which

might be having a more direct

effect on Burton minds.

The security here is almost

prison-like in its omnipresence:

the rooms on the upper levels

are not open on a common hall,

they rarely open into their own

suites. The public halls face blank

wall, shutting out any inter-

vention by those beyond. But

this effect on Burton minds.

They operate much better now in the dorms than in the

high-rise undergraduate dorms; the original

dorm, "geeze rises to the top" has died as student politics

slowly vacate the more
diminutive upper-floor rooms in

favor of the common folk. The

common areas in each suite are

frequently used, and the people

on any one floor in any one suite

seem to know each other fairly

well. Both the rent and the accom-

modations are improved.

The image is reminiscent of a

homeless traveler on a train.

The bedrooms are shared,

polite, and the people

on any one floor seem to know

each other fairly well.

The problem is not that

there is some kind of paranoia

here, but that it is shared by

those in Burton, but there is no

paranoid feeling here, and the

people on any one floor seem to

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a peek inside the 7 Institute Houses

If rooms indicate sober-sided attitudes, then sides of iron are to be found at this house.

MacGregor is further west than any other undergraduate dorm, and overlooks one of Cambridge's best restaurants, Joyce Chen's, an MIT favorite that will probably disappear (since MIT owns the land) when enough money is raised for MacGregor II (working on the same site). Within MacGregor there is a beautiful modern dining hall where food is prepared by the same people who make the food at the Top of the Hub (high stop Fraternal Tower in Boston); most people concede that better can be had in any one of the kitchens to be found, in every floor of the dorm. And some people wonder why the dining service is dying...

McCormick
Built with $26 million million! McCormick, for this recently-constructed building has the distinction of being one of the few officially-sexed dorms on campus.

A building starts off with splendid public rooms on the first floor, and rises 5 stories in height. It is the single building most likely to have ever-increasing number of women at the Institute: at the time it was built there were 16 floors for undergraduate women, while only 12 for men. As the number of women on campus rises, so does the upper bounds on the number of women who could be admitted. McCormick is a heaven for that group. Since the floor is not something you see as you nervously walk its halls, Smith College is the only one of its kind that the spirit seemed especially strong in some parts of campus.

Baker
The damping effect of McCormick fortune, this recent-ly constructed building has the distinction of being one of the few officially-sexed dorms on campus.

In any case, practical jokes rear their head, and the suspicion is rampant. But the issue was probably never impossible to fight isolation, if not downright-illegal. If they are installed as armed escort might be had in any one of the kitchens to be found, in every floor of the dorm. And some people wonder why the dining service is dying...

MIT will probably be building more dorms in the future, and there are persistent rumors that East Campus will eventually be torn down to make way for student houses.

MIT dorm probably deserves its reputation as one of the best dorms in the city. East Campus dorms have many quaint eccentricities, including a remaining resemblance to the main buildings, with long straight corridors facing seldom opened doors. The dorm probably deserves its reputation as home of the MIT trust at least partly because of its centrally-located location to academic buildings; there may be a self-selection process of people who actually want to live that close to class.

Lots of room and greater reliability have made it the recent trend, though it is not certain that it is the best trend to be followed, especially strong here. It is difficult to analyze those things when you are stepping wad (floor to floor), but it is heartening to find a dorm which people at least know their neighbor's name, and seemingly cares even about another neighbor's inability to get a bicycle. The same is not true for all the other dorms.

To look at the place, it is easy to believe that it is an architectural marvel, and sometimes hard to believe that it is over 20 years old. For reassurance of this fact, one need only talk to the residents, who will be quick to point this fact out, to mention that their rents are not as low (relative to the newer west campus dorms) as some people think they ought to be.

Baker dorm is extremely well developed, usually having rooms in one half of a single floor. There are currently un-locked doors demarcating these areas, which provide a sense of geographical isolation but allow free access. The cooperation of Baker residents easily extends to bannering more dormphone employees attempting to do their joke in all a spirit of good fun.

The first dorm to develop really real morale, East Campus (more dorms in the middle of the"city, and sometimes the home of the hack, and more dorms in the future, and there are persistent rumors that East Campus will eventually be torn down to make way for student houses.

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**SPORTS**

**Dopfel and the big leagues**

By Sandy Yulke

MIT has finally made the big league, in baseball that is. Al Dopfel, who has accrued many other honors in the last few months, has become the first MIT baseball player to be signed by a major league team. Al was the number three draft choice of the California Angels this spring, and has been playing baseball this summer with their Shreveport, Louisiana Double A farm club.

Dopfel has been keeping Pete Cloon, the Sports Information Director here at MIT, informed of what he has been doing this summer in a series of very funny letters, which give a great deal of insight into the differences between the minor and major leagues.

According to Dopfel, "...I'm finally situated in Shreveport and it's really different. Down here, I've got to worry about all the poisonous snakes and vipers... Last week... the center fielder killed five tarantulas (sic). After the game a five inch beetle landed on my shoulder. Down here it's man against the elements.

"Our house field is beautiful, though it's located in the worst section of town. Consequently, attendance is really low (On one night they got 360. Hopefully on beer night we'll draw more.) Dopfel got into the starting rotation and had a very good record (pitching two shutouts and two incomplete games) he compiled the following record: 2-1, 1.60 ERA, 23 innings, 22 strike-outs, 16 hits and 15 walks) until he ran into what he described as "a black day in my career." What happened was that he was literally knocked out of the game when a ball hit him on the head.

For those unfamiliar with Dopfel's record here at MIT, the following is a short recap: 1972 Captain and Most Valuable Player; 1972 Greater Boston League All Star Pitcher; 1972 Greater Boston League Most Valuable Player; 1972 All New England; 1972 NCAA Strike-out Leader (15.82 s/o/game); NCAA New England Regional No. One Player; Sporting News All American Honorable Mention; and Sports Illustrated "Face of the Crowd."

Dopfel majored in management here at MIT and signed with the Angels three weeks after graduating from MIT.

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**BENCH WARMER**

Today, for the first time, all freshmen, including women, will have a vested interest in attending the Athletics Midway in the spring between 3 and 6 p.m. of '76 is the first in which women will also be required to fulfill the eight points of physical education credit that has been required of the male student since anyone can remember.

There are a great many reasons for the requirement to be extended to women. The first and most important reason is that a physical education requirement is a good thing, especially at MIT, where the majority of students think that sports are only for less intelligent people – hence the idea of the "dumb jock." This is certainly not true, not only are sports fun, and not only are they good for the maintenance of one's body, they are good for the maintenance of one's mind as well. There are numerous studies, which can be cited, that have demonstrated this quite well, by showing that people seem to perform better in the classroom if they spend part of their day engaged in some kind of athletic activity.

Another reason that the requirement is good is that sports at MIT are not like sports in high school and that once people discover this, many of them are not only glad to fulfill their requirement, but take subjects beyond it as well. The physical education instructors at MIT are not interested in making you into the world's greatest athlete, in fact they do not emphasize competition at all.

The reason that women were previously excluded from the athletic requirement is that the athletic department did not have sufficient facilities for women to participate in the physical education program on an equal basis, and in typical vicious circle manner, they did not have the facilities because there was no requirement. Both these problems have now been solved, and the women's locker room is scheduled for completion later this month (see The Tech summer issue, page 16). Also, for the first time, a woman has been made Coordinator of Women's Athletics and she will not be the only woman on the staff of the athletic department. There will even be a women-only course offered this year; the only courses that women are not allowed to take are weightlifting, wrestling and football.

Women's athletics have come a long way in the last few years, for it was only a few years ago that women were permitted to take any of the physical education courses. There is also now a women's varsity team, sailing, and they won the national championship last year. There are also women's intercollegiate teams in basketball, tennis, swimming, fencing and field hockey.

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