Frats get good Rush; dorm slots out today

By John Hack and Mark James

This year's fraternity rush is running well ahead of last year's rush and is seen as a sign of the better rush in the past eight years. As of 9pm yesterday, 273 freshmen had pledged fraternities.

Associate Dean for Student Affairs R. O. Chairman, said that summer teaching and the quality of the class of 81 were mainly responsible. Royse added that "this class is more noticeable, more outgoing, and more willing to check out all living groups" than last year's class.

Several fraternity O. O. Chairman mentioned the high quality of the fraternity class. One chairman noted that this year's "super class" O. O. Chairman also expressed positive feelings towards the class of 81. Some freshmen have noted that the freshmen are more interested in the dormitories, have been asking more questions, and have been more enthusiastic than in previous years.

Jerry Cole '78, H. C. Judicial Committee Chairman, said that there have been no major violations of I. H. rush rules this week, and no major violations since Sunday.

Republican freshmen from the Clearinghouse computer show that only 109 freshmen have not visited a fraternity, compared with 170 last year. In addition, 941 freshmen and transfer students visited at least two houses each.

There were 231 pledged freshmen by 4pm yesterday, the largest number since 1971. Freshmen visited fewer fraternities fewer times this year. Last year, the average freshman made 90 visits to 3 fraternities. This year, the average freshman visited 3.1 fraternities. 5 times. Freshmen were encouraged by I. H. officials to spend more time at each house and get to know the people there better.

The average freshman has been visited by 124 freshmen for a total of 392 visits so far during rush week.

After weekend, frats think about dorms

By Gordon Haff

Editor's note: After spending a weekend at the fraternities' parties, Gordon Haff along with many of the incoming freshmen, began to look around and think about dorms.

I walked into the R/O center about 11am after a late party the previous night. A large number of freshmen were already there.

They were all holding little green slips of paper -- dorm preference cards. Taking up with some of the people who had been hanging around all morning, I got the impression that a good number of them had not visited many fraternities and had just been waiting for the dorm preference cards to be given out. Several had elaborate schemes for "beating the computer.

Most of the earlier arrivals had managed to figure out the elaborate priority system for the dorms necessitated by overcrowding. It occurred to me that a person who had been at the frats all weekend might be rather confused when confronted with this priority system. Even more than last year, it seemed that those who had been hanging around the dormitories most of the weekend had a considerable advantage at getting into certain institutions.

Some freshmen were being unreasonable. One was saying that there was no way he would live in a triple; he simply refused to do it.

Later on in the day, more freshmen began to arrive at the R/O center from the fraternities system. Some had paid short visits to several dormitories, but they didn't seem to have much of an idea of the intricacies of dorm assignments, confirming my earlier opinion.

Over at the dormitories, freshmen were taking second looks, trying to add definitions to their somewhat unclear ideas regarding the differences between the various dorms.

All male freshmen who turned in dormitory preference cards were assigned to their first choice dormitories except for 223 men who chose one of the smaller dormitories.

The atmosphere around the R/O desk was hectic with freshmen and transfer students gathering to meet new people and find out more information. The overall theme seemed to be "get something satisfactory."

For a few exceptions, the atmosphere around the dorm was very quiet. What everyone called up to the desk and said "I'm a freshman," was answered with "That's not our fault." Upperclassmen were leaving around the R/O desk in great numbers chatting with each other and the freshmen who entered in ever increasing numbers as the day went on.
Unrush, a place for freshmen to go to escape the hassles of Rush Week

By William Lasser

There is at least one place on campus where Rush Week does not exist, and freshmen can go just to sit and talk with each other and with upperclassmen without having to worry about the pressure on the freshman to do something.

It's called the "Unrush," and it is sponsored by the Student Government. The Unrush is the kind of place that I would have wanted to go when I was a student.

Located in one of the private dining rooms on the third floor of the Student Center, the Unrush is staffed at all times by at least two upperclassmen, and populated by anywhere from a few to upwards of 20 freshmen.

There is always furniture, and no refreshments are served. People sit on the floor or at tables or in large circles, chatting, trading stories, asking questions.

"It's vital that every newcomer feel that there is a place where he can just sit and introduce himself to other freshmen," King commented.

Some of them come in once and are not seen again. Others are "regulars," whose names and faces become familiar. Over the weekend, most of the talk concerned living groups, but in those decisions are made the conversations, along with the thoughts of most freshmen, have turned to academics.

One freshman came in because he had been unexpectedly bid by a fraternity, and all of a sudden he had a difficult decision to make. Another had been bid by two different fraternities, and said he just wanted to talk. He did, and left.

King encourages Unrush staff and upperclassmen who just drop in to happily answer any questions freshmen pose even if they involve discussing the pros and cons of specific living groups.

"You can talk about anything you want," she said. "I'm an upperclassman who has asked her if he can answer a question about his dormitory.

The mood varies from quiet and serious to noisy and animated. "My preference is a large, quiet group as opposed to small, lively groups involved in intense conversations," King told The Tech, "because it is a lot easier for a new person to find a place in a large circle.

"Things are going just the way I wanted it," King added. "I can honestly say that there has been no real rushing."

The biggest complaint about Unrush comes from upperclassmen who would like an Unrush of their own.

Extracurriculars were stressed in 1894

Looking back

Editor's note: The question of how much time MIT students should spend away from academics and extracurriculars from outside the residence halls is not a new one. These articles are reprinted from an 1894 issue of The Tech.

It is a matter of surprise that the membership roll of the Athletic Club should be so small, and we feel that the reason for this is not entirely explained by the city of general apathy among the students. The indifference of course exists, and is itself an incentive to more vigorous canvassing on the part of the Club.

There are many in the upper classes who have been asked to support the Club by joining, who would readily do so if by judicious urging and argument they could be made to see the distinct advantages of Club membership.

The facts seem to show that the management of the Club is too easily discouraged by the fact that it is not energetic enough to keep persistently after men who are plainly interested in the subject as a whole. It has proved unfruitful, and could be made more fruitful if met with some better treatment.

It is indeed disgraceful that the interest of students in athletic sports for some time was not much about them in its wide interest and influence. If we have not yet cut into the root, if we have not yet cut off the vine, it would be a pity not to allow it an opportunity to show itself.

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World

Arab change urged — The Arab League's Foreign Ministers have announced a more moderate stand on Israel's new settlements on the West Bank. The League plans to use the United Nations General Assembly to oppose the Israeli action rather than adopt Syria's proposal that Israel be expelled from the UN.

Spain asks entrance into Market — In hopes of gaining support for his country's entrance into the Common Market, Spain's Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez has visited the capitals of various member nations throughout Europe.

Panama will sign treaty— Panamanian General Omar Torrijos arrived in Washington yesterday for tomorrow's signing of the new Panama Canal treaties.

Nation

Lance resignation urged — Senators Charles Percy (R.-Ill.) and Abraham Ribicoff (D.-Conn.) have recommended to President Carter that Budget Director Bert Lance resign. The two senators, influential members of the Senate panel investigating Lance's personal finances, said that their probe had turned up illegal activities by the budget director, but would not discuss details.

Pressure based on cadets — As of the start of classes today, the US Military Academy is softening cadet life by reducing class time and ordering numerical grades in an effort to ease pressures that helped create last year's cheating scandal.

Kkk rally ends in violence — Six persons, including three police officers, were injured yesterday when fighting broke out at the end of a Ku Klux Klan meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

Telethon raises $27 million — The annual Jerry Lewis Labor Day telethon for Muscular Dystrophy has raised $27 million nationwide, Massachusetts residents have pledged over a million dollars of the total.

Voyager launched — The Jupiter space probe Voyager I was launched yesterday from Cape Canaveral. The spacecraft, along with the previously launched Voyager II, will relay information about the Jupiter planet and points beyond.

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Jean Budney stars as Ruby, a small-town girl on Broadway, in the MIT Musical Theatre Guild's production of Dames at Sea.

**MTG's Dames at Sea parodies old musicals**

By Kathy Hardus

Have you ever heard of an old 1930's movie musical on the last show? An old Dick Powell-Ruby Keeler movie in which the characters break into song at the drop of a hat, spontaneously tap dance their way through intricate dance numbers, and always end up falling in love?

The musical Dames at Sea is a parody of that style of movie, humorously poking fun at the subject matter while remaining very funny in its own right.

Dames at Sea, as presented by the MIT Musical Theatre Guild, captures the proper spirit of the show. The actors play their stylized roles with the appropriate gravity and convey humor in what was once taken very seriously.

The show is pure entertainment, filled with jokes, color, and most of all, songs and dancing. No one cares that the characters are sketchy stereotypes and the plot a mere pretext.

The story contains all of the sock cliches about naive little Ruby who comes to the Broadway "jungle" from her small quiet hometown so that she can dance her way to stardom. She meets all of the familiar characters — the worldly, warm-hearted chorus girl, the bitchy establishing star who tries to steal her heart, and dancing. No one cares that the actors play their stylized roles with the appropriate gravity and convey humor in what was once taken very seriously.

The best numbers were the Busby Berkeley style "Raining in My Heart" and the songs and dancing. By far the most memorable was the Busby Berkeley style "Raining in My Heart" including slickers and twirling umbrellas. The staging is delightful. The clever costumes by E. Filander make the audience laugh. The lighting was complete with follow spots and chasers.

The only negative aspect of the production is that the cast contains no MIT students. The actors are certainly talented, but the purposes of any on-campus theatrical organization should be to give an opportunity for students to perform. Hopefully this will inspire all interested students, especially freshmen, to step forward and get involved with the Musical Theatre Guild's fall production and with MIT's other equally active drama groups such as the Dramashop and the Shakespeare Ensemble.

All things considered, Dames at Sea is worth seeing. Freshmen should make an effort to see the special free presentation on Saturday, September 10 at 3pm. The acting and staging are of high quality, and the show itself can be enjoyed on its own merits, even by those who have never seen the last-show pageant.

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Welcome. We’re the Graduate Student Council and this week is Orientation ’77.

If you have questions, we’ll try to give you the answers at the Information Center. You’ll find everything from official brochures and maps to free copies of Boston’s weekly newspapers along with experienced staff to help you through the administrative jungle, and tell you a lot about the Cambridge area. Do drop by — refreshments are always being served.

If you’ve had enough answers already, and just want to relax, come to the Picnic. Sit on the grass and talk to some new friends, find your departmental representatives by the numbered signs, or just fall asleep under a tree.

If you’re feeling a bit more adventurous, try the Country Fair, an old-country-style carnival running concurrently with the picnic.

On Friday, we’re giving away free beer all day at the Muddy Charles Pub. It’s full of comfortable chairs and friendly people, and it’s the only place you can sit down through the special free presentation on Saturday, September 10 at 3pm.

And if the strain has been too much for you, why not take a boat cruise on the Charles. On Sunday evening we’re sponsoring a Harbor Cruise jointly with the Black Graduate Student Association. Music, dancing and a full bar; tickets $3.50.

These are just some of the OR ’77 events. Pick up a schedule of all events at the Information Center. We are MIT students who have had fun organizing the whole thing.

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10:30-11pm ESG Open House.

11:15pm AEPi R.O. of the week.

12:00pm Mathematics Advanced Standing Exams for 18.01 and 18.02, in room 2-02.

12:30pm Advanced Standing Exams for 8.01 for those who have been notified of such.

1:00pm Graduation Information in the Student Center.

1:30pm Women's Treasurer Hunt leaves from Student Center soon.

1:30-2:30pm Diversity assignments available outside the R.O. Center.

1:45pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Student Center room 491. Please come and bring a friend.

3:30-4:30pm Gays at MIT (GAMS)Bring lunch to the GAMIT Lounge (room 50-306) in Walker. Lunch can be purchased at the Walker Dining Hall. Refundments will be served.

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11:00pm-12:00am Computer Orientation in Student Auditorium.

THURSDAY

8:00am-5:00pm The Engineering Society, located at the Student Center outside the R.O. Center.

8:30am-9:00am R.O. of the week.

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