Fraternities prepare for freshmen

By Jordan Hollander

The MIT campus is preparing to receive about 1,070 freshmen today and tomorrow, arriving in varying states of confusion. Initially, they go through the R/O Center and receive temporary housing and a large amount of information about MIT. Freshmen then begin the process of deciding where they want to live. This weekend will be devoted to showing the dormitories and fraternities to the freshmen so that they have a better understanding of the choices open to them. By the beginning of next week, housing assignments will have been made.

The class of '82 will face one of the worst overcrowding situations in recent years, however, according to Dean Robert Sherwood, the Dean of Office for Student Affairs. The Dean's Office is planning on overcrowding 130 to 140 students, said Sherwood.

These overcrowded rooms will be distributed among the dormitories in about the same pattern as last year, said Sherwood. Burton House will probably be one of the most overcrowded living groups because the rooms are easily crowded and the room assignment process already takes these overcrowded rooms into consideration.

These figures depend on the fraternities having a successful rush this year. Sherwood pointed out. Dave Mauenger G, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) Rush Chairman said that the IFC was hoping for about 400 freshman pledges, making it the largest fraternity class ever.

Rush will begin on Friday evening after the Freshman Picnic and bids to freshmen will be extended starting Sunday. This leaves only 10 days for the fraternities to attain their goal and for the freshmen to consider the various fraternities.

If the rush does not work as hoped, however, the dormitory crowding will be even worse, said Sherwood.

In addition to the large number of freshmen entering the housing system, many students are staying in Institute Housing instead of moving off campus and are adding to the overcrowding. According to Sherwood, more upperclassmen are remaining on campus other because they are more satisfied with their housing or because they have no alternative.

Off campus housing in the Boston and Cambridge areas in the past two weeks has been extremely tight, said Sherwood, partly because of the large number of apartments in Cambridge being turned into condominiums. The Dean's Office is looking into ways of helping students find off campus housing, he added.

Unlike last year, there are no new dormitories opening and Zeta Psi, the newly chartered fraternity, will not be established until the fall of 1979. Other measures such as limiting the size of the incoming class will not go into effect until next year, so that no immediate relief for the housing crunch is in sight.

Class of '82 faces housing squeeze

By Michael Tawis

Although the bustle of R/O week is only just beginning, a group of students has already been here for several days taking part in their own orientation program — the foreign freshmen. The International Students Orientation is being run with the aid of the Foreign Student Office, several student volunteers, most of them foreign students themselves, and the International Student's Association.

The Foreign freshmen R/O Coordinator, Binno Louwerans '82 from the Netherlands, emphasized that so far the orientation program for the forty incoming freshmen was running smoothly with no real problems or incidents of "culture shock.

He said that, "This program is emphasizing the fact that there is a city near the campus." The idea is to show new students that they shouldn't let themselves get tied down on campus, according to Louwerans.

The overwhelming reason given by foreign students for choosing MIT was its reputation. Ali Chazavi '82 of Pakistan said "It's a nice place, Well-known." Rebecca Henderson of London, England stated that MIT was the "best engineering school in the world," I was told. Jeanine Matoss '82 from Trinidad and Tobago, also heard it's the best engineering school in the world. Maurice Anzellaggi '82 of France came here "Because it has a very good reputation in France."

The amount of difficulty foreign freshmen encounter getting into MIT depends on their native country. Usually this wasn't the standard financial or academic problems, but the inconvenience of getting out of their own country. Kenneth W. Evans, Litsterbord '82, from Trinidad and Tobago, said that "Regulations for getting out of our country are very difficult. I am very lucky to be sitting here."

There are lots of restrictions and red tape," Chazavi said with him. "My own country's rules and regulations."

Institute welcomes foreign freshmen

Everyone pitches in to prepare a fraternity for Rush Week so that visiting freshmen see it in its best condition. (Photo by Gordon Haft)

By Gordon Haft

Every year, the fraternities reserve a week to ten days before Rush Week for their version of spring cleaning, Work Week. During this period, the average fraternity is buried under paint chips, cartons, and other assorted mess and junk. A visitor to such a house on the first weekend of Work Week can scarcely believe that this is the same house as the spic and span one presented to the freshmen on the following Friday.

The amount of work which needs to be done varies. Particularly in some of the newer buildings, the work begins just as soon as spring cleaning ends. At one house, which had extensive work done on it this summer, one could barely move the paint, the墙, and the dots around the house on all floors.

Work Week is also important as a prelude to the Rush. Nightly meetings are held to compare notes from summer talks with freshmen around the country to discuss strategies for the coming weekend. In some houses, these meetings play a large role in the bidding of freshmen because their summer rush is more important than Rush Week itself. For all this Work Week is not entirely work. The fraternity members get a chance to talk to friends they haven't met all summer. In addition, the Rush Week hedges are often a house's most lavish events of the year. During Rush Week, steak and lobster flow like water in beer as the case may be) do during the rest of the year. The parties, frequently with live bands, are often among the most expensive which the houses will put on until the following year.

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Animal House new satire, Panther same old stuff

By Gordon Haff

If there is a characteristic which pervades summer movies, that characteristic is fun. A summer movie is rarely heavy-handed or depressing. No one wants to walk off a beach or a tennis court and go into a movie theater which will leave him depressed or worse, thinking. Unfortunately, all too often these summer movies lack something else as well, namely quality.

This summer has been an exception, however. Apparently inspired by the success of last summer’s $9 million “fun” movie, Star Wars, the movie industry seems to have discovered that light entertainment doesn’t need to be lousy movie making.

While this movie doesn’t have a Star Wars, it does have quite a number of “worth settings” — probably no major academy awards but quite a bit of good entertainment. Following are reviews of two of them.

For pure, degenerate entertainment, Animal House is the star of the summer. The entire film is National Lampoon’s satire at its best although surprisingly enough not at its cruxet.

The movie is about the exploits of the Delta, the “worst house on campus” at Faber College in 1962. It certainly has the potential to be the big hit of the summer among the group that it is aimed at. Some of the incredible scenes in the movie are actually very near the truth. In one scene a motorcycle roars up the stairs, more than vaguely reminiscent of a scene I remember from last R/O Week.

One of the film’s strong points is the range of its humor. Some scenes like Blutarski going through a cafeteria line of charging a filler of whiskey are just plain funny. However, other scenes are funny because of their satire. You laugh at them because they are so close to the truth.

The film as a whole is a beautifully orchestrated mixture of these two types of humor. In conjunction with acting that is a whole is more than adequate in general and very good in the case of John Belushi, the humor makes for a film which is funny for anyone who can appreciate its humor and not short of hilarious for someone in the environment it depicts.

For more innocent entertainment, there is The Revenge of the Pink Panther which suffers from only one major flaw: it is just another Pink Panther. Not that there is anything particularly wrong with this one, in fact there are a number of very well done scenes. A few, particularly Clouseau’s imitation of an American gangster including cotton balls in the cheeks may be.

In short, although Peter Sellers is as good as ever, the Pink Panther series needs a transfusion of something a bit more substantial than Craig Cannon and a few new gags, good as those minor additions may be.
Many foreigners study at MIT

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were tough (to pass through).” Henderson (England) and Matouk (Trinidad and Tobago) both claimed, however, that they had no trouble at all with their respective nations. Neither did they, or anyone else, have any more than minor difficulties entering the United States.

Although they’d only been here a day or so, some of the freshmen already had opinions about MIT. Henderson said, “I like the people but found the place a bit depressing.” She blamed this on the fact that it was raining on the day she arrived. Matouk said that so far her stay has been “Terrific. No complaints.” While Amzallag commented that “It is nice,” he added that “It’s unusual. I’m not used to the American way (yet).”

The majority of the foreign freshmen questioned stated that at present their prospective majors would probably be in Electrical Engineering or Computer Science. There were some, though, who expressed interest in Chemical Engineering, Aeronautics, Medicine, and Management.

The proportions of foreign students among the entire MIT student body is about twenty percent, which is one of the highest among American universities. Roughly three quarters of these are graduate students.

The three nations with the most foreign students at MIT are Canada, the Republic of China, and Iran, in that order.

In the graduate departments of Ocean Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Nuclear Engineering, and Aeronautics almost half of the students are foreign stu-

Bimmo Louwenswouw, ’81 of the Netherlands was this year’s Foreign Freshman R/O Coordinator and helped run last Tuesday’s luncheon for the new students. (Photo by Gordon Hall)

World

Pope John Paul will walk — In order to show himself as a pastor of the church rather than a monarch, Pope John Paul I will walk to the Mass that will consecrate his pontificate on Sunday. This is in place of being carried on a portable throne by twelve men.

China offers oil sale to US — The People’s Republic of China recently approached Gulf Oil with an offer to sell its crude oil, or so trade the oil for automobiles.

Nation

Nation’s governors meet in Boston — Despite high inflation and the tax revolt, the nation’s governors voted for moderation and turned aside several budget-cutting proposals last Tuesday.

State

Inmates on strike — Walpole State Prison Superintendent Fred Butterworth met with striking inmates to discuss the list of eighteen demands submitted to prison officials by the inmates last weekend.

Sports

Long run ends — Dave McCullivary has completed his 3,452-mile trip from Medford, Oregon to Medford, Massachusetts. McCullivary ran the entire distance in eighty days.

By Michael Taylor
**TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

In an emergency, dial 100 from any MIT phone.
R/O Center: x3-4551 (2-3-4551 from a dorm line)
Office of Freshman Advising (OFA): x3-6771
Campus Patrol: x3-1212 or x5-8191

**GREETS**

It is the first issue of this year's *The Daily Confession*, a newsletter published daily during R/O Week. Our purpose is to provide up-to-date information on activities, meetings, and other events and to publish information that might be useful to you, the incoming students.

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All information for The Daily Confession should be submitted at The Tech's newsroom (W3-083) by 2pm the day preceding the publication date.

**INFORMATION**

Now there is an extreme shortage of Off-Campus housing in the Cambridge and greater Boston areas. Incoming students, single or married, in need of housing are urged to go to the Off-Campus Housing Service, E18-301, for information concerning roommates listings and apartment rentals. Listings are updated daily and free telephone service is available for local calls concerning the listings.

Students, Faculty and Staff members, who can temporarily house single students or families are asked to call Off-Campus numbers, and full names of living groups.

During R/O Week, we urge all students, faculty, and staff members to coordinate their good intentions to house incoming students and to store furniture in other buildings or dormitories.

On request, fraternities will provide transportation back to campus or to another frat. In addition, the Campus Patrol (x3-1212) will provide escort service to and from WILG, ADP, and Random Hall at night.

In emergency dial 100 from any MIT phone.

Consult page 38 of the Undergraduate Residence book for addresses, phone numbers, and full names of living groups. Please note the following corrections to telephone numbers listed in the Undergraduate Residence book:

- In the Student Center, 3-4pm Parent Hospitality hour in the Mezzanine
- 3pm Pre-orientation booklet available in the Student Center.
- 3pm Freshmen Picnic in Killian Court (Rain location: duPont Gymnasium).
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- 5:30pm United Christian Fellowship (UCF) regular meeting. Prayer, praise, bible study, and singing in Room 1-236.
- 6:30pm Emack and Bolio's. Make your own ice cream and enjoy. Make your own sundae.
- 6:30pm PDT Beer and Pizza party
- 6:30pm ADP "The Cash Bar Experience" featuring live bar and band, belly dancers, and a sorcerer.
- 6:30pm No. 6 Club Party
- 6:30pm The Greenhouse, beer, and munchies.
- 6:30pm P&K Information party: music, dancing, and munchies.
- 6:30pm Nu Delta Wine, cheese, and conversation.
- 6:30pm McCormick Informal party: music, dancing, munchies, drinks.
- 9:30pm Nu Delta Presumptuous Pizza Party (well, hypothetical).
- 10pm ZBT Entertainment by the Lolo-Motion Circus (juggling and acrobatics).
- 11pm ZBT The Great Pyramid of Ice Cream.

**ODDS AND ENDS**

An informal group is being organized for interested students in visual arts. Varied, interesting monthly activities. For more information, contact the ArtFacts Coordinator, Committee on the Visual Arts, Room 7-145, x3-4400.

- Come visit the ESG Information Table in the Student Center, 11am-4pm.
- Experimental Study Group Open House, 9am-9pm in room 42-612. Drop by and bring an art project — we provide refreshments, company, and information about ESG.
- Come meet with people from the Christian groups on campus in Room 7-106, from 9am to 5:30pm.
- Come browse through Christian books at the Christian book table in Building 10 Lobby from 10am to 2pm.

**EATING**


- 7:30pm on Thursday, 8:00am on Friday, 6:30pm on Saturday, 10:00am on Sunday.
- 7:30am Burton House Breakfast.
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- 8:30am-11:45am "Lechell Lunch": a place to relax and chat. With other freshmen.
- 6:30pm R/O Center open.
- 10pm Foreign Visitors' dinners meeting with Mr. Chamberlain in Private Dining Room 7, Student Center.
- 12:30, 4:30, 7:30 Tours of MIT leave from the front of the Student Center.
- 3-4pm Tours of MIT for parents and freshmen leave from Building 7 Lobby.

**THURSDAY**

All day Freshmen arrive.
- 8:30am-11:45am "Lechell Lunch": a place to relax and chat. With other freshmen.
- 9am-11am Freshman Center in Private Dining Room 7, Student Center.
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**FRIDAY**

The roof (weather permitting). music to be served.
- 6:30pm ZBT Wine and cheese party.
- 6:30pm AEPi Ice Cream Party stocked to remember some Steve's Ice Cream and Emack and Bolio's. Make your own sundae.
- 6:30pm No. 6 Club Party
- 7pm The Greenhouse, beer, and munchies.
- 7pm BTP Beer and pizza party.
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**LIVING GROUPS**

1pm-4pm Dorm orientation and Freshman Center, E18-301. MPM: Deutscher Hauss, 4th Memorial Dr. (Neu Hauss-Bldg.4). MPM: Deutscher Hauss, 4th Memorial Dr. (Neu Hauss-Bldg.4). MPM: Deutscher Hauss, 4th Memorial Dr. (Neu Hauss-Bldg.4).