Sky clear for freshman picnic

By Michael Ries and Michael Tann

Despite some last-minute rush violations the freshman picnic was smoothly under blue skies yesterday. The food distribution was handled well, including the accommodations for Kosher and vegetarian meals. The speeches and the nearly long rush started about ten minutes late.

An upperclassman commented that the picnic was better organized than in previous years. Another said, "This is my third freshman picnic, and I have said that they get better every year."

Several students were present acting as Interfraternity Conference (IFC) rush marshals. One commented, "Things are going smoothly and we expect a good rush." However, advertising efforts for Yale Cole and Florida Orange after bearing the names of two living groups were dis-

tracted with the heat and caused some friction. Also an airplane trailing a notice inviting freshmen to a fraternity activity flew over Killian Court several times. As President Jerome Wiesner said, "That's probably illegal."

Wiesner was one of several speakers at the picnic. They were each introduced by Master of Ceremonies Paul Rethman 80. The first was Director of Admissions Peter Reinhartson 81. I, and a final applause greeted his statement that, "I'm particularly pleased that the number of young women in the class is increasing." President Wiesner invited all freshmen to come and meet him next weekend. He advised stu-

ents "against working too hard" and stated that "MIT is a place for women and men to learn how to have fun."

In a short speech Barry Newman 79, Undergraduate As-


ciation President and R/O coordinator, commented "What makes this place work is not the labs, not the buildings, but the people."

Other speeches were by Acting Dean for Student Affairs Robert Habian 44, Dormitory Council Chairmen Edward O'Brien 79 and H/C Chairman Joseph Chapman 79. Potter, dressed in scowl and a top hat, admonished freshmen to "get involved, enjoy yourself, and especially drink a lot." 

Chapman assured freshmen that the move from Harvard to MIT was "fashion, fashion, fashion" and had little resemblance to MIT's traditions. He also gave several hints to the freshmen on how to choose a fraternity. Then the pic-

nic was over and Rush Week began.

The picnic was planned and was served quickly at the freshman picnic. Barbecued chicken and watermelon were served on the menu. (Photo by Steven Solnick)

President Jerome Wiesner addresses the Class of 1982 at the Freshman Picnic, held in Killian Court yesterday afternoon. Wiesner welcomed the freshmen, warned them against overwork, and invited them to visit him next weekend. (Photo by Steven Solnick)

Frat rush follows dorm visits by frosch

By Gordon Huff

By Friday morning, the geeks of R/O Week set in motion Wednesday night were moving at full-speed.

Under cloudy, threatening skies, the last wave of freshmen began to arrive at the R/O Center. Despite the threatening weather, the R/O Committee had decided to keep the picnic in the Great Court. Barry Newman 79 was reported to have said: "If we have to eat in the mud, we'll have the picnic outside."

It was the dorms, however, that were hearing the brunt of the incoming students. Tours which had been upbeat the day before were going at full blast. Freshmen were starting to worry about their choice of living groups. Most didn't seem to believe what the upperclassmen were telling them; namely, that the choice of a living group is not the most important decision in the world.

Others were beginning to worry about the fraternity rush. One person I spoke with was already concerned about what would happen if he wasn't bid — he had heard about several people that had bid this happen to them. Several first-year women were trying to determine the differences between McGraw and the coed fraternities. As might be expected, they all had different reasons for siding toward one or the other. Some felt that McGraw would be too quiet and liked the idea of activities and athletics in a coed dormitory while others were unsure about living in such a situation.

Mid afternoon on Friday, the horde of freshmen and an equal number of advisors, associate advisors, R/O Committee chairmen, and any other upperclassmen able to wrangle a ticket, drifted over to the Great Court. As the afternoon progressed, more freshmen began to add to those already there in pre-picnic discussion groups. Shortly thereafter an MIT beaver batted onto the scene. Afterward he or she shook hands with Jerry Wiesner, hugged a few people, then trampled off.

The freshmen gathered around the Great Court seemed to be happy with their experience so far. Most had spent the last day and a half visiting dorms. A few were trying to make themselves believe they were actually at MIT. One freshman from Nebraska said he "wasn't quite used to the big city." Another mentioned that it would be hard to get used to the surrounding weather since he was from Mississippi.

Meanwhile, frat members were beginning to inflate the ranks of the freshmen. While the speakers delivered their tirades, the frats were lining up along Memorial Drive. When the words "The fraternity rush has begun" were said, associate advisors began rushing while other brothers spread across the field to reach other freshmen.
In today's world of man versus machine, man is still the master — when it comes to chess, at least.

In a recent chess match between chess master David Levy of England and MAC HEST, a computer playing program written by Richard Greenblatt at the MIT Artificial Intelligence (AI) Laboratory, human expertise proved the deciding factor, as Levy beat the program both times they met.

The contest was organized as one way of testing Richard Levy, a leading chess programmer around the world to judge if a bot made 15 years ago between Levy and another man, Donald Michie. Levy bet that no computer chess program would be able to beat him in the following 15 years — to be able to beat a human master, himself, in a match.

In order to become the bot, the computer would have to win over half of the games played in a match. Greenblatt, who was allowed to select how many games would be played, opted for the minimum (two).

Greenblatt's program was actually two separate entities working together: a smart program, MAC HEST, written in assembly language for a PDP-10, and a special purpose hardware device called CHEOPS (Chess Oriented Processing System) which was designed to look several moves ahead (usually about 6–7) doing something which one of the AI Laboratory members called "blunder control" — making sure that the smart program was not going to make some decision that CHEOPS felt it would regret later.

The computer used for the match was a DEC KL-10, which had been shut off from its usual 25 user load on the day of the game in order to allow its full processor time to be dedicated to the game.

The players opened with a standard opening in a flurry of moves so fast that most of those watching from video monitors a few rooms away were unable to keep up. Soon, however, the play digressed into an original game and moved began to take more of the full three minutes that had been allotted per move for the first part of the game.

The contest almost ended prematurely, however, when an error in a PDP-11 computer which was acting as a communication link between the players and the main program caused the machine to halt. Tournament rules do not allow "coaching" of the program once play has begun, but reviving the system is permitted and the computer's clock continued to run for approximately 15 minutes after the machine was restored to operating condition.

Play continued normally through the rest of the game, with both players evenly matched toward the middle, but the computer suffering from its inability to form a long-range strategy in the end game.

Commenting on the game afterward, Levy noted that the machine was obviously prepared for all his favorite openings, and had played a "very, very strong" game. "I think this program played better here than Chess 66 last year," he said, and hastened to point out that it had played very badly in the end game.

Levy suggested that one of the machine's mistakes in the first game had been castling. He said he felt it would have had a much stronger position if it had continued to play toward the center of the board.

The approximately $7,000 riding on the bet is all but lost at this time. Levy is playing one last match now at Northwestern University in Toronto before the deadline runs out, but after Greenblatt's program's loss, members of the AI Lab did not seem very hopeful.

English chess master trounces computer

By Kent Pitman

World

Nicaraguan rebellion crushed — The Nicaraguan National Guard stormed the city of Matagalpa, Nicaragua with helicopter and armored cars yesterday to crush a four-day rebellion by Sandinista guerrillas fighting to overthrow President Anastasio Somoza

Karpov to resume play - A compromise, agreed to by FIDE and Karpov, is set to resume the world chess championship, which was stopped last October.

Local

Bryant show no go — Clingen's "significant danger" of violence, US Senator Howard Stephens yesterday cancelled a rally in Bryant Park as a precaution.

Campus

MIT gets $100 million — According to statistics provided by federal agencies, in 1977 MIT received contracts totaling $1000 million for government-related projects.

Sports

Korchnoi, Karpov to resume play — A compromise agreement was reached to resume the world chess championship, which was stopped last October.

By Michael Taitner

Zeta Beta Tau
R/O Activities

Saturday, Sept. 2
12:00am Coffee in the Common Room
5:00pm Dinner (Fried Chicken)
8:00pm Amusement Park Trip

Sunday, Sept. 3
8:00am Breakfast (Made to Order)
12:00am Picnic at Lars Anderson Park (Brookline)
6:00pm Dinner (roast beef)
7:30pm Party, Open Bar with Scorpio the One Man Band

Monday
8:00am-11:00am Breakfast (Made to Order)
12:00am Assorted Activities
3:00pm Trip to see the Movie Animal House
6:00pm Dinner (Lamb)
7:00pm Party, Open Bar, Dancing

Cocktail Party

Saturday 8pm

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CASINO NITE

at Sigma Phi Epsilon

prizes, girls and open bar

Saturday at 8:00
The origins of R/O week

It has remained for the TCA here at the Institute to make an attempt toward assimilating the freshmen, using the plan in operation at other colleges as a basis. But instead of placing the emphasis of its concern at Cornell upon the freshmen's scholastic life, the TCA is making an attempt to prove to the freshmen that MIT is essentially no different from another college. It is attempting to shatter the things which proclaim that "Tech is Hell" before the ghost has had a chance to walk. It is attempting to better the relations of faculty men to brown baggers among the members of the Class of 1930.

Credit for initiating the idea of an assimilation period for MIT freshmen goes to the TCA, and the organization deserves unqualified praise for undertaking a thing which no one else had the courage to do. It is for the TCA to point the way and prove to the undergraduate body that the spirit at Tech is essentially no different from that at the dear old "Rah! Rah!" colleges.

It is possible that the experiment will be successful — any benefit accruing to the freshmen and to the activities as a result of it will justify the time, labor and money expended. If the TCA can show that a freshman is better for having spent the weekend at Cornell, they will be justified in asking for the cooperation of the other activities in another campus fall for the Class of 1931.

The TCA wishes the Tech every success in the undertaking and again congratulates it on putting an extremely good idea into practice.
SUNDAY

Early hour a friendship may extend a via to a

Freshman.

Frankie House Dining Room, 1st floor.
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Cookies. But, a little.

Dolce Delight.

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in room 4. 24-612. Drop by, and

On Campus Dining Service. Lobdell will be

closed Sun., Sat., and Mon. 

In 1978.

Eating.

Commencing:

Tupperware Brunch in the Dining Room.
2:45-4:15, 4:15-5:45.

and faculty members interested.

Tupperware.

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10:30am. A la carte until 7pm. Sun., Mon.

Breakfast.

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9:30am-5:30pm.

Sandwiches & Burgers.

Open bar.

Barnard, M.A.

during the day.

at the Tupperware Night.

Dancing in Kopecky House.

Kappa Sigma.

the parallels. The food is great, and we’d like to meet you. Call

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