Fraternity rush going well this year

By Michael Ries

As rush gets underway, freshmen rush chairmen and their assistants are trying to make this year's rush as free of problems as possible. Joe Chapman, Interfraternity Conference (IFC) president, commented that rush appeared to be going very smoothly.

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By Jordana Hollander

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In addition to functions open to all freshmen the co-ed fraternities such as Senior House, East Campus, Baker, Burton and the Language houses at New House are holding various brunches, luncheons and informal get-togethers for women only. These allow the freshmen to meet and talk with upperclasswomen already living at the dorm and to ask about the dorm and life at MIT for women in general.

For those women preferring single-sex housing, the Women's Independent Living Group (WILG) and the Women's Interfraternity rushing of upperclassmen to meet, but that the most important factor in this year's rush is having more upperclasswomen to talk with visitors.

McCormick Hall is also attempting to make the new women students feel welcome at MIT. R/O Chairman Teresa Lantz '81 noted that the R/O Committee always had several upperclasswomen in the lobby to greet the freshmen and answer any questions they might have. According to Lantz, the increase in the number of entering women means that McCormick will be facing some problems as other dorms such as severe overcrowding. The larger number of women also means, however, that "we meet more women" continued Lantz, which is "good for them" and more interesting for the upperclassmen.

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Lilli Petruzelli '80 Women's R/O Committee Co-chairman, said that these activities were strictly for women so that they could meet other women. The Margaret Cheney Room (J-310) will serve as a center for all these activities and will be a place where freshmen can always have a certain of welcome, added Petruzelli. She also commented that the turn-out for the morning brunch was fantastic and asked any women students to "stop by sometime."

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By Michael Taviss

As with almost every clerical or records-type of job at MIT, keeping track of freshmen has been a PDP-10 computer. The computerized Clearinghouse system is now in its fifth year of operation. Not only does it save R/O workers an immense amount of tedious paperwork by taking advantage of machine speed, the Clearinghouse is able to stay only half as long behind the freshmen.

Clearinghouse follows the movements of freshmen from place to place to place for the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs, the Interfraternity Conference, individual fraternities, parents, or nothing major.

Freshmen are advised that dormitory preference cards are due at 8 pm Monday in the R/O center and screening assignments will be available on Tuesday.

WEATHER

Today will be sunny and warm with a high temperature near 80. Overnight fair with temperatures in the 60's.

INSIDE

The Tech's moving reporter spent the night and morning of rush looking in on get-togethers at various fraternities and dormitories and concluded it was a fairly quiet night.

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fraternity parties ranged from the low-key to the exotic. One frat even imported a belly dancer for the amusement of visiting freshmen. (Photo by David Schaller)

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Sunday, September 3, 1978
Roving Reporter

Fraternities hustle off freshmen to houses

By Gordon Haff

The scene on Memorial Drive after the pep rally was a truly unique view of at least two dozen R/O Committee and I-H officers trying to direct the streaming masses of new students into their proper locations. Megaphones blared while the fraternities piled freshmen into cars, buses, and even motorcycles in an attempt to get them to their respective houses ahead of the competition.

At most of the fraternities, Friday was a low-key night. There were few big parties. Rather, the emphasis was on getting as many upperclassmen to meet as many freshmen as possible, particularly those who looked promising during the summer rush.

The various houses displayed radically different atmospheres. In some, there was an undeniable feeling of tension in the air. The frats with the "hard sell" parties were trying to grab the freshmen they were interested in as early as possible and keep them. At others, despite the serious business of the night, there was a relaxed feel. Freshmen going on under the warm lights of a low-key party with plenty of beer and pizza.

Most houses were pleased with the way their rush was going. At one house, a brother told me that they had already had more freshmen through than they had all last year. In any case, even at those houses which were somewhat quieter than in previous years, house members felt that they were putting to meet the freshmen they were interested in.

On the whole, the freshmen were having a good time. Many had a lot of questions about a variety of different facets of MIT -- athletics, activities, and academics.

Back in the dormitories, things were pretty quiet. With the freshmen out of the way, the upperclassmen had time for some parties of their own. The beer and pretzels came out and the lonely people who had been working hard all week day relaxed until well into the morning hours.

Saturday morning came the approach of the hostel R/O walk. Early on, the brothers, many of whom had kept their hosts nearly down with talking about freshmen and other house members, began to arise. Essentially all houses had breakfasts which ranged from simple things for the freshmen who had stayed overnight to fancy, advertised, steak and eggs feasts.

The dormitories were beginning to pick up as well. Although the R/O workers still encouraged the freshmen to visit frats, many living groups did have breakfasts. Preparations were beginning for parties on Saturday and Sunday nights -- events that are nearly always among the dormitories in record numbers this year. Starting at noon Saturday, the dorms were allowed to advertise their parties.

 Everywhere there were signs of sleeplessness or near sleeplessness among the upperclassmen. Those who hadn't been working had been putting off until late and had decided to work on breakfasts.

Harvard had owned Bridge

(Editor's note: The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority has decided to rename the Kendall Red Line subway stop to honor MIT, but no plans have been carried out as of yet to recognize MIT's right to re-christen the Harvard Bridge. A brief history of the bridge is provided by William L. Cottrell '80 and reprinted from The Tech, February 24, 1978.)

By William Cottrell

In 1949, members of The Tech staff, inspired by a movement begun over 20 years earlier, officially inaugurated the present Harvard Bridge as "The Technology Bridge," after it had been closed for the following thirty years. And since a new structure was not built, the bridge was re-opened in 1924 as the Harvard Bridge.

Since early the bridge has been noteworthy only to those pedestrians who brave its frozen cold during a winter day and to those drivers who delight in peaks of mirth when spraying slush or rainwater on the unpaved sidewalks.

Although R/O is going smoothly, at times the confusion can get to be too much for a harassed R/O worker. (Photo by Gordon Haff)
**World**

Pope promises frankness and honesty — Pope John Paul II promised a "thorough, honest and effective working together with the communication and media" as he met with more than 1,100 journalists at the Vatican yesterday.

Canadian elections postponed — Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has said that there will not be a general election this fall. Trudeau's term of office ends next July and he must call an election before then.

Rebels crushed — After five days of holding off National Guard troops, the grass roots revolt against the military dictatorship of Nicaragua President Anastasio Somoza was defeated. According to Red Cross surgeon Dr. Cesar Amador Kahl, 38 rebels died during the fighting in Matagalpa and 200 were wounded.

**Sports**

**VIPs grab Sox tickets** — If the Boston Red Sox reach the American League playoffs and the World Series this fall, almost two thirds of the seats will be made available for the team's own distribution. Boston is still seven games ahead of New York in the American League.

Would you like to cover events like this? If so, The Tech might be for you.

There are many reasons to work for The Tech. It is the only MIT student newspaper which supports a Photographic staff: a staff which is actually involved in running the newspaper. It is The Tech's philosophy that the photographer who takes a photo is more concerned with it than anyone else would be. Therefore our photographers do all the processing and printing of their own negatives, thus allowing them to retain possession of the negatives at all times.

Through The Tech several of our photographers make fairly sizeable incomes.

While The Tech itself does not pay for photos, several paying MIT publications draw heavily on our staff for their pictures. In addition, several The Tech photographers have gone into the real world of photojournalism. One is currently with the Boston Bureau of the Associated Press.

Perhaps the most important thing, however, is that experience is not a prerequisite for working on The Tech. Many of our better photographers did little or no black and white work before joining the paper. Others had almost no photographic experience of any kind.

If the above interests you, drop by our offices R/O Week, stop by the Activities Midway, or just talk to one of The Tech's photographers who will be covering R/O Week.
RELIGIOUS SERVICES TODAY

SUNDAY

10am Early service for freshmen only - if you have missed it, you may extend a bid to a freshman.
11am-12pm Immanuel Lutheran Church - Vacation Bible School (ages 4-12) in the gymnasium of the church.
12noon-1pm ZBT Ribs on the Grill - the best view in Boston.
12-4pm ZBT Picnic at Lars Anderson.
9am-12pm Burton House Breakfast.
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The Daily Chosiofro

ODDS AND ENDS

In emergency dial 100 from any MIT phone. The number is: 4-5511, 4-5522, 4-5523, 4-5524, 4-5525.
Everyone welcome, informal group is being organized for anyone interested in visual arts. Varied, monthly meetings.
Visit us - we provide refreshments, conversation and information about ESG. Visit us - we provide refreshments, conversation and information about ESG.

INFORMATION

Students who want to register for 19-018 must sign up for the entrance exam on or before Tues., Sept. 12, 2-110.
Questions about these exams should be referred to the Registrar's Office, Room 24-612.
Language Placement Exams will be offered in German, Spanish, French, and Russian on Thurs., Sept. 12, 1:30-3:30pm.
All information for The Daily Chosiofro should be submitted at The Tech's newsroom (W3-248) by 2pm the day preceding the publication date.

EATING

On Campus Dining Service: Lobdell will be closed Sat. and Mon.

Notices and events:

RELIGIOUS SERVICES TODAY

Worship with fellow MIT students at local churches.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Group leaving Eastgate lobby 9:30am
info: John Nordin 494-8200

Ruggles Baptist Church
Group leaving Tang Hall lobby 9:30am
info: Reverend Bob 424-948

Park Street Church morning service
Group leaving Ashdown lobby 9:30am
info: Harry Fajardo 494-846

East Campus 2nd East Popcorn Nightly.
info: East Campus "Dine In" Door

First Church of God
Leaving McCormick lobby at 10:30am
info: Claire MacKeith 494-846

For information on Christian Church Services
Bill Spencer x-6813

Group leaving McCormick 4:30pm
MIT Chapel Catholic Mass 9:15am, 11:15am, 12:15pm, 3:15pm
Brookline Church of Christ
10am Contact Will Clinger at 247-547
First Church of God
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Dining Room: 2nd East Popcorn Nightly, 10am-12am.

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