Dormitory preference cards due today

By Jordan Hollander

The members of the class of '82 will be faced today with one of the most difficult decisions of their MIT careers: filling out their dormitory preference cards. Although many freshmen have spent the weekend looking at the various dorms, many will take another look of some of them to confirm their first impressions. Others, who have spent most of their time at fraternities, will be taking their first real look at the dormitory system. These freshmen realize that they may not be bid by a fraternity or that living in a fraternity is not really what they want after all.

Once the preference cards are all in a committee composed of representatives of each of the dorms and from the Deans for Student Affairs office will hold a series of lotteries to determine the dorm assignments. One will be held each day until all the freshmen are assigned to a dorm, a process usually lasting about five days.

The first round of the lottery takes about three hours and by midday Tuesday about 80 percent of the freshmen will have been assigned to their first choice dorms. The remainder who have not been assigned to a dorm will be assigned to lower choice dorms during the remainder of the week.

A freshman trying to assess his chances of getting assigned to a particular dorm should keep two things in mind — the popularity of the dormitory he chooses and (Please turn to page 2)

Fraternity rush concludes successfully

By Michael Ries

Dave Maurer, Interfraternity Conference (IFC) Rush '79 Chairman, indicated that "rush has been going superbly," and he accounts for the extremely large number of freshmen visiting fraternities by "the excellent summer rush done by many houses; the large size of the class, a lot of 'good' freshmen as indicated by a number of rush chairmen; and the sunny weather." The fraternity system is looking for between 417 and 422 freshmen this year, according to Maurer.

As of Sunday morning, 98% of the freshmen class had visited fraternities. In comparison, 80% of the last year's class visited fraternities, and this is considered to be a very high figure by several of last year's IFC officers.

One fraternity on the Cambridge side of the Charles River showed a slight decrease in the number of visiting freshmen, while most houses on the Boston side showed an increase. Maurer said that the houses on campus usually have a lot of freshmen coming through, and this year they appear to be doing as well as in the past.

Maurer noted that there has been some cross rushing between houses, but no major problems have occurred. One rush chairman commented that "cross rushing seems to be occurring between a few houses that traditionally rush the same type of people," and it has been "smooth but fierce." Most bids have been given out and Maurer indicated that "things should settle down when freshmen start pledging today."
Rush regulations are strict; high fines for violations

By William Clinton

The 1978 DormCom/IFC Mediation Committee (MedComm) guidelines that were drafted in a MedComm meeting at Father’s House in August contained several changes from the 1977 MedComm guidelines. MedComm hoped that these changes would lead to better understanding between the fraternities and the dorms.

MedComm, which consists of the presidents, R/O chairmen and JudComm chairmen from both the IFC and DormCom, decided to add to the guidelines that during rush week fraternity members may be prohibited from passing beyond the front desks of the dormitories. Dave Maurer G, the IFC rush chairman, told The Tech that, “This change will not affect rush but will ease misunderstandings between the fraternities and the dorms.”

Another change prohibits dormitories from advertising any activity before noon Saturday of Rush Week, limits the size and location of posters, and prohibits any large scale activities before 6:00pm Saturday.

Maurer said that these changes are simply “clarifications of past understandings and are to help get more freshmen out to look at fraternities.”

Frank Wojtczak ’80, DormCom R/O Chairman, stated that “enforcement of the guidelines is much more strict this year with fines of up to a maximum of $500. But there have only been a couple of incidents which have upset people.”

Maurer noted that most of the violations to date have resulted “mainly from people being unaware of the guidelines.” For example, a fraternity member going past the front desk at a dorm to help a particular freshman with his luggage without first checking with the desk.

Tom Potter ’79, DormCom president, said “We (MedComm) don’t look for trouble. Violations are usually brought to us. Mostly the purpose of MedComm is to stamp out little fires.”

Foster called the changes in the "best interest of dorms; to keep fraternities filled.”

Jim Thompson ’79, IFC JudComm chairman said that “Rush Week has been fairly quiet with only a few minor violations arising.” He added that IFC/DormCom communications have been good. When a conflict has come up, the people involved have gotten together to arrive at a solution.

Barry Newman ’79, R/O Coordinator and Undergraduate Association President, added “There is a tremendous amount of cooperation with Rush Week and the MedComm guidelines this year.” Potter also noted that “As yet we don’t know where the money collected from violations will go.”

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World
Smith meets with rebel leader — Rhodesian President Ian Smith met with Patriotic Front leader Joshua Nkomo last August and offered to turn the government over to the black guerrilla leader, according to Nkomo. This marked the first public acknowledgement of secret meetings between Smith and the rebels.
New pope installed — Pope John Paul I was installed as leader of the Roman Catholic Church yesterday in a huge ceremony in St. Peter's Square. The ceremony was stripped of much of its traditional pomp in accordance with the new pope's wishes.

Midwest
Begin prepares for talks in US — In an address Saturday night Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin called for an end of hostilities between Egypt and Israel saying, "I shall stretch out my hand to President Sadat" in a spirit of friendship. He emphasised, however, that the talks to be held at Camp David would be only a step in the establishment of peace in the Middle East. In contrast, Egyptian Prime Minister Sadat called the summit Israel's last chance.

Local
Somerville fire under control — An abandoned meatpacking complex in Somerville was destroyed by a 10 alarm fire Saturday. The billowing smoke covered Boston and could be seen 20 miles away. No one was injured or killed, although several nearby buildings were evacuated.

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**MONDAY**

6:30-7:30am ZBT Breakfast made to order. 8am Earliest time a freshman may pledge a fraternity.
9am-9pm R/O Center open.
9am-9pm Preference Cards available in R/O Center.
11am-12noon: Host and Hostess at Private Dinner Room #2, Student Center, third floor.
10-11:30am: R/O week activities and living groups in 914-10.
12noon: Folk Dance Club Dancing on Kneige Oval in front of the Student Center. Everyone welcome, informal feedback.
12noon: Trip to Harvard Square. Leaving from TCA Office (Room 906) at 2:45pm.
1pm Women’s Salud Ber in the Cheney Room 3-310.
1pm One-shot seminar at ESG (24-612). "Photography: Equipment and Artistic Pictures."
5pm Vespers at the Christian Activities Center, 9am-9pm in room 24-612.
6pm Dormitory Preference Cards Due in the R/O Center.
6pm ESG Dinner for freshmen.
7pm TCA Coffeehouse, 1-2am.
8pm ESG Jam session—bring your act! A madcap variety show.
8-10pm West Campus Fire East Gone. Night. Poker, background music, friendly people, etc. Free beer, munchies.
10-11pm Burton House Open House for freshmen. Come by for home-made cookies. All Burton House, (617)-253-4551, (617)-253-4552 (2-3-4551, 2-3-4552 from MIT phone.
12noon-9pm McCormick Informal get-together in the lobby. All welcome—free munchies.
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10-11pm Burton House Breakfast from 9 to 11am, a la carte until 11:30am.

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**ODDS AND ENDS**

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**TUESDAY**

4:30-8:30am R/O Center open.
4:30-8:30am AEPi: General Information Exams for 8:00-10:00am in room 2-102.
4:30-8:30pm Farmouth should have 10 pictures taken in the R/O Center.
5-6:30pm: Host and Hostess at Private Dinner Room #2, Student Center, third floor.
9-10pm International House at the Medical Department and Foreign Student Office.
10-11am Foreign Language Orientation and Placement Exams in rooms 2-190, 2-390, 4-290, and 4-370.
11am-3:30pm Harbor in Private Dinner Room #1, Student Center.
11am Permanent assignments available outside the R/O Center.
12-1pm Noon ESG Presents: "Cookies and Tea. Experience the multicultural tones of the MNTA and the places they’ll take you. Cookies, doughnuts and banana points of interest. Meet at room 24-612 for ESG and prepare to meet the ladybug.
1pm Tour of Bonzer Common and Espresso. Wear walking shoes. Leaves from room 2-390, Student Center.
2-4pm ESG 1-shot seminar: "Recycle Dynamics" at room 24-611.
4pm Women’s Bathroom Tour leaves from the Cheney Room 3-310.
4:30pm Deadline to check out of temporary dormitory assignments.
2-3:30pm Registration: Freshman Admissions.
4pm Limbo Party is the Mezzanine Lounge, three stories below Student Center.
5pm Vespers in the Christian Activities Center.
3:30-8:30pm Volleyball on, East Briggs Field before 10pm.
7pm International House sponsors: "Evening with Institute Faculty and Staff."
Speakers: L. Masur, R. Nagashin Rue, Claire-Kramsch, Professor F. Markel, Student Center.
Come and join the discussions in the Bush Lobby.
9pm Jazz Tour leaves from TCA office, Student Center room 450.

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**EATING**

Lobdell will be closed today, open欧阳through Friday for breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30, lunch from 11am to 2pm, and dinner from 5 to 7pm.

**Living Groups**

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9:30-10:30am Burton House Breakfast.
11:30am East Campus Fifth East Jack Plarre’s annual underground coffee breakfast. Huge assortment of coffee, fit for all tastes.
1pm Burton House Center #1. All Burton Freshmen, come by our floor lounge for fun and games. Feeling low? We can have a chance to meet each other.
1pm East Campus First West Come by for home-made ice cream and bagels.
7pm East Campus Fifth East After East Campus Shoshine. Drop by Jack Flisy’s for milk and home-made cookies.
5pm Sigma Chi Band Party featuring Scrooge. 8:30pm AEPi Mixer. Live band, Traveler, Beer, punch, and munchies. Everyone invited.
5:30pm AEPi mixer.

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