New fraternity planned for next fall

By Barbara J. Hill

A new living group will be added to the present fraternity system of 32 houses, following an overwhelming vote by representatives of the Interfraternity Conference (IFC) at their February meeting.

The vote followed many months of debate between existing houses as to the relative merits of adding another national fraternity to continue (organize interested students with the purpose of founding a chapter of that fraternity) at MIT at this time.

Some houses were concerned that the addition of another fraternity would increase the already rigorous competition for incoming freshmen. This fall's successful rush served to convince some that there would indeed be enough students to go around, while a few others still experience difficulty in filling their houses. These difficulties were due largely to innovations and reorganizations within the houses themselves, and should not continue to be a problem. In order to insure that these houses would not be further weakened by possible competition from a new group, however, it was decided to begin the colonization after the end of Rush Week 1978 instead of this spring as originally planned. This should allow the houses to make up their losses while permitting the student interest groups to form.

The concept of expansion first surfaced last spring when it became known that several student groups interested in forming a new fraternity chapter existed within the dormitory system. There then followed an unfortunate series of attempts to colonize by various national fraternities who were not at first aware that all new chapters must be approved by the MIT Housing Office and by the IFC. After this misunderstanding was dealt with, an IFC Expansion Committee, chaired by IFC Vice-Chairman David Soule '79, was formed to interview national fraternities interested in colonizing here.

Soule explained the present state of the selection process: "The IFC Fraternity system has decided to expand by one house. The Committee is presently evaluating fraternities which have been referred to us and is formulating a recommendation to be presented at the April IFC meeting." The MIT Housing Office is in favor of fraternity expansion as the addition of a new house would help to alleviate dormitory overcrowding.

US govt weighing student aid measures

By Bob Wasserman

President Carter and Congress have each proposed different types of financial aid legislation for families of college students. Carter and Secretary of Health Education and Welfare Joseph Califano would like to expand present aid programs for college youth parents, while Congress has set its sights on tuition tax credits for these families.

Several plans for tax credits to tuition-paying students have been proposed by Congress but most promising seems to be a bill which would allow a credit of up to $500 for each college, elementary or secondary school student in the family. The proposal was passed last week by the Senate Finance Committee after being introduced by Senators Daniel Moynihan and Robert Packwood.

Carter, along with several members of the House and the Senate, have offered an alternate plan which would increase student assistance by almost $1.5 billion. The President's plan would budget an additional $165 million for the college work-study student program and would also raise the median income of families eligible for student loans from $30,000 to $45,000. Carter also proposed a $300 Million Basic Educational Opportunity Grant to include aid to families with annual incomes between $16,000 and $25,000.

Carter has opposed the Congressional plan for tuition tax credits for several reasons. The Moynihan-Packwood plan would be more expensive costing $4 billion. Carter also views the tax credit plan as unfocused, preferring to expand existing programs. Along these lines Secretary Califano announced last week that the White House would be made to force former students to repay educational loans given under the National Direct Student Loan program and the Guaranteed Student Loan program. Califano said that almost 20 percent of the students receiving federal educational loans have defaulted, at a cost of $900 million. In an effort to reduce this, HEW will review in situational cases where students are taking advantage of these programs, and also sponsor seminars for college business officers to urge them to collect these loans. Califano and Carter also oppose the Congressional tax credit bills because of their emphasis on aiding upper-middle- and higher-income families. Carter's program would benefit medium-income families, according to a January report by the Congressional Budget Office.

Among the supporters of Carter's plan are the presidents of over 700 American private colleges which belong to the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. This group met last month and put off any record as supporting the expansion of existing programs as opposed to tuition tax credits. Key congressmen are also behind Carter's program, including Rep. William D. Ford (D-Mich.) and Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.) who head respective House and Senate Educational Committees.

The Administration's plan does have several drawbacks, however. The Moynihan-Packwood bill would set up deductions for parents of parochial schoolchildren, which Carter's program would not. The American Council on Education also plans to urge Congress to provide added assistance for families of high-cost private college students.
Grading Committee report to be published Weds.

The long-awaited report of the Faculty Senate's Receivables Committee, Grading Policy, in formulation for over a year, has been scheduled to come out this week.

The report, due to be published in the view of the Receivables Committee, recommends a redefinition of grades, the placement of grade distributions on the internal or external transcript, and the authorization for "letters of commendation" which faculty could issue to no more than five percent of the students in a class.

Although the report will be presented at the March 15 faculty meeting, no formal action is expected until at least mid-April. The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP), which received a final draft of the report last week, "is totally split" on the recommendations, according to student members, and may take to official action on them.

The Grading Committee reports directly to the faculty, and CEP endorsement is not required before the faculty considers the measures. However, the report may have considerable difficulty obtaining faculty approval if the CEP does not stand behind it, according to Elliot Moss, a CEP representative.

Moss said he sees the CEP as "unlikely" to endorse grade distributions on transcripts, and split on the question of letters of commendation.

Grading recommendations on the transcript, Moss pointed out, contradict the Grading Committee's stated aim of masking grades on absolute measure of acquired knowledge rather than a measure comparing students' achievements to those of their classmates.

Steve Besen '80, another student representative to the CEP, noted a fear that letters of commendation "could possibly develop into a 'super-A' situation," and he declared his opposition to grade distributions on either internal or external transcripts.

The Student Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP), which includes all undergraduate CEP members, is preparing to issue a survey after the spring break seeking for student opinions on grading policy and the advisory system. SCEP will meet Thursday night at 7:30 in W-204 to write survey questions.

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Carter's energetic
not Coolidge's style

By Bob Wasserman

When asked at a Washington press conference last week why the president was such a vigorous leader, Carter answered that his administration had suffered a popularity due to its willingness to tackle tough issues.

In the past, it was found that Carter's populists and the American public could have remained as they were. It was right after he was inaugurated that he made the election a great national achievement.

Carter asserted, however, that his administration had suffered a popularity due to its willingness to tackle tough issues. The White House's campaign for international human rights had made recent gains in several countries, but the Soviet Union's policies continue to be a major issue.

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Robert's married friends sing him Happy Birthday in the production of Company at the Loeb Drama Center. (Photo courtesy of the Loeb Drama Center.)

Sondheim's Company
Still a pacesetting musical

Company, at the Loeb Drama Center, 22 Brattle Street, Cambridge. March 6-11, tickets $5.35 and $4.50, call 864-2630 for information.

By Kathy Harris

Stephen Sondheim's Company was an award-winning musical on Broadway, and rightly so. It has been described as a "landmark musical," one of the few shows that enter the permanent lore of the theatre by "altering the scope of conventional dramatic possibilities."

Harvard College, at the Loeb Drama Center, is now presenting a rare Boston-area production of Company which is quite good. Sondheim afficionados should make a point of seeing this much praised musical, and everyone else should try to see it simply because it is a well-performed, funny show.

Company's plot concerns Robert, a 35-year old bachelor living in Manhattan who is continuously evaluating the risks of loving and commitment. Five married couples and three single girls provide him with a means by which to assess these risks.

All the married couples play a sort of show-and-tell in front of their favorite bachelor friend. Several of their problems are common, exposing the trivialities and boredom associated with marriage. Other problems are unusual and perhaps even symbolic. One wife wants to karate-chop the husband out of her husband while another husband slights his wife over a man who wants only freedom.

Company tells all of this with understated honesty and doozies of one-word and one-line laughs. When the stewardess slips to leave the bed after a discreet blackout, Robert asks her where she's going. "Barcelona," she replies.

The structure of Company is not that of a conventional musical. It contains no chorus, and all roles — with the possible exception of Robert — carry equal weight: the singing and dancing melt into one integrated contrapuntal action.

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Vorlicek to swim in Nationals as team breaks five records

By Greg Zane

The M.I.T. swim team qualified the eleventh place finish they attained in 1980 at the Ivy League Championships at Springfield College on March 9-11, 1981. Captain Preston Vorlicek '79 again qualified for the Nationals. It was his third such appearance in the Ivy Leagues and Vorlicek was the only freshman to qualify for the National meet. Vorlicek is the only freshman to qualify for the Nationals in the Ivy Leagues and Vorlicek was the only freshman to qualify for the National meet.

Vorlicek's performance in the Ivy League meet was highly impressive, as he qualified for the National meet in the 200 yard freestyle, the 100 yard backstroke, and the 50 yard freestyle. Vorlicek's success in the Ivy League meet allowed him to qualify for the National meet, where he would have the opportunity to compete against the best swimmers in the country.

The M.I.T. swim team's performance in the Ivy League meet was also impressive, as they qualified for the National meet in a total of four events. The team's performance in the Ivy League meet was a testament to the hard work and dedication of the swimmers and their coaches, as well as the support of the fans.

In conclusion, Vorlicek's performance in the Ivy League meet and the team's performance overall allowed them to qualify for the National meet, where they would have the opportunity to compete against the best swimmers in the country. The team's hard work and dedication, as well as the support of the fans, played a significant role in their success at the Ivy League meet and their qualification for the National meet.