The fraternity rush began with Friday's picnic & continued through the weekend. (Photo by Mary Ann Helferty.)

Rush Week running smoothly

By Eric Sherman

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TCA holding blood drive

By Jay Glass

The Technology Community Association (TCA) will begin their series of sponsored MIT Red Cross blood drives today. The R/O drive will last through tomorrow, with the blood donation goal for the two-day drive set by TCA at 400 pints. The location for the drive is the fourth floor of the Student Center in front of the TCA office. Nurses and tables will be available today from 9:45am-3:30pm, and tomorrow from 11:45am-5pm.

A definite need for fresh blood now exists in the Boston area, because of the accident-fraught Labor Day weekend.

No reservations are necessary, as donors will be elected donation times and tables strictly on a first come, first serve basis.

Last year's R/O blood drive yielded about 320 pints, but some improvement is expected this year due to increased publicity.

TCA's next blood drive this season will be their 10-day fall drive, to be held at MIT during the year, the MIT community typically donates about one percent of the blood collected in the Massachusetts-Maine Red Cross region, even though the MIT community comprises only about two-thirds of one percent of the regional population.

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The freshman picnic kicked off R/O Activities Friday afternoon. For more pictures of the picnic, see page 3. (Photo by Mary Ann Helferty.)

The R/O center reported that as of Sunday afternoon, 1048 freshmen had arrived and checked in. Of the freshmen that have arrived, 207 are women. This means that the number of women in the class of '83 is lower than had been hoped for.

About two percent of the freshmen had not visited any fraternities by Sunday. The greatest number of fraternities visited by one person was 11. The greatest number of total visits made by one person was 24.

Zeta Psi, a new fraternity at MIT, has been given special rush privileges for this year such as being able to extend bids early. On Sunday afternoon, they had two freshmen accept bids. Matteo said that this is not necessarily a bad sign, since freshmen could be expected to do a day after accepting some bid to see whether they receive bids from other fraternities.

In general, said Matteo, it is too early to decide how a particular fraternity's rush progresses until freshmen begin to accept bids on Monday.

An unexpected turn to this year's rush has been the reaction of the fraternity rush. Instead of following the usual party pattern, Bexley has posted the Institute and invited freshmen to drop by.

According to Steve Bradley, desk captain, Bexley is holding neither a rush or an anti-rush.

"Some people are being friendly and some people we're still not being friendly to," said Bradley. "We're looking for people who feel they belong here..." people who feel they belong...

One problem that Bexley had was a lack of entry keys. Because of an error on the part of the locksmith, Bexley did not have enough entry keys to fit the new locks that had been installed by the summer. Then Bexley had requested that no freshmen be temporarily accepted (Please turn to page 2)

TCA begins a two-day blood drive today in the Student Center. (Photo by Steven Solnick.)

By Gordon R. Haff

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What is the reaction of the typical freshman to this? That's hard to answer because there are so many different reactions to the weekend as there are freshmen. Some freshmen have been partying to their heart's content and fed that they are having the time of their lives. Others seem to be overwhelmed with the entire thing, there are so many living groups and so much going on that they don't know where to start. Still others are just tired of the entire thing. The constant moving and talking at both the dorms and the frats has tired them out and made them a bit sick of the weekend.

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Although R/O Week means a lot of hard work, particularly at the frats, many people here feel that R/O is the best time of the year. There is nothing else which is quite like R/O and indeed the biggest barrier to it is getting through and not collapsing from exhaustion. It is a time of decision-making, but it is also a time to have fun and a lot of it. I guess that's what makes R/O memorable.

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Let the rush begin!

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Join an activity to help people

At Friday's freshman picnic, opening speaker Peter Richardson '48, the 38th president of the MIT Corporation, urged his Class of '89 to "take care of others." Before his words get lost in the shuffle, freshmen - and upperclassmen - should consider them carefully. How should you care for others during your time at MIT?

Activities want and need help

One way is through activities. You may not realize it, but the MIT community is served by one of the most extensive collections of student activities in the country. These include service groups, a yearbook, and this newspaper are all provided to the MIT Community at a very low cost. They are subsidized by students who donate their time to make them happen.

For them to continue to run, they need your help. Some organizations are in the verge of extinction because they don't have the staff to go on doing their job. In the last few years, MIT has lost a newsmagazine and a political action group. All these groups disappeared mostly because of a lack of staff, not because of a lack of work.

Even groups which are not facing imminent death are short on staff. Many groups have important positions open, but nobody to fill them. Can you be the person to step up and help?

It is very important that everyone volunteer his time to make groups happen. Keeping the activities in service is a cooperative effort. If you do your part, others will do their part. We all need to pitch in and it will be better off. We'll all benefit from the benefits of each other's contributions, and we'll also benefit from the knowledge of what we've done for other people.

Develop skills, acquire a hobby

The benefits you can derive from involvement in activities is numerous. You get to sharpen your abilities to deal with other people. You also get to help some administration with their work and develop some administration with your own.

In some cases, you get to develop skills which are specific to a particular activity. If you work as a business manager, you learn accounting. If you work as a reporter for The Tech, you can learn to write.

You don't need to pick your activities solely on the basis of what will help you in a future job. However, you may want to pick an activity which can be more like hobby. This way your activities can become a reflection of your personality.

You don't need to choose your activities on the basis of what you did in high school. Many MIT organizations usually do not assume anyone has high school. One purpose of an MIT education is to broaden your counting skills, if you work in this area, you will have never done. MIT organizations usually do not assume anyone has high school.

There are now 1048 freshmen and 80 upperclassmen -should consider them carefully. How should you join the activities?

An important year for political activity

There is one special reason to join governmental and political organizations. Over the past few years, the MIT administration has proposed several policy changes, many of which would have been detrimental to students. Without a concerted effort on the part of many students, we would now have more restrictive drop date policies, more stringent grading policies, and for less substantial responsibility on the part of the administration.

One of the groups fighting the administration was the Freshman Action Committee.

You can thank the students for this current state of affairs, and you owe it to freshmen to maintain or improve the quality of life at MIT.

This year promises to be an important one for political activity. The recently renamed Undergraduate Committee drafted a proposal for compulsory commons meal plan for residence of concerns dormitories which would take effect with the Class of 1984. This proposal has already sparked a lot of controversy. There is also the increasing size of MEIT's investments in companies that do business with South Africa. Furthermore, there are always issues popping up that nobody expected.

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To the Editor:

Once again the MIT administration has rescued us from rationality. In the grand tradition of the thursday sex guide scandal and Jews for Jesus vs. MIT Hillel, they have made a huge mistake: a little mudhole: once we have a Grogo incident. It seems that traditional that, when faced with a possible instance of its collective behavior, the administration will choose the always ill-considered massive overkill response.

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Another Grogo incident hits MIT

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doubt that forgiveness will be so 

easily forthcoming from the peo-

dle who were hurt the last time.

The tendency toward hysteria by

the administration is alarming to

say the least. Clearly, rationality can

be restored to the situation by deal-

ing with highly sensitive is-

sues, like racism and censorship.

Hopefully, this time the students

will be distinguished by the care-

fully reasoned thinking and judg-

ments that any such situation de-

serves, but which has been natu-

rally lacking to date.

Perhaps it will be possible for

Grogo to be seen, not as a hateful 
symbol of racist oppression, but as

the beloved mascot of MIT's

yearbook.

In this letter, only my own opini-

ons were expressed. Although I par-

ticipated in the preparation of this

yearbook, I have no member of

TCA nor its spokesman.

J. Spencer Love
New Zep arrives through the front door


I was stunned. I stopped the cassette deck, and saw its twin recording level meters go wild in both channels. I搪f the volume was turned all the way down. I turned the volume up, but still the meters went off the scale. I grabbed a pair of earphones and, standing on a street corner, put them on. I listened to the album. However, it seemed to me to be a mix of different styles, not a coherent whole. A nice tune, but not one that would be played on the radio.

This is the best of the Zeppelin albums. The second side begins with "Southbound Baby," which is a country/funk number. The lyrics are good, and the music is well-executed. Zep pulls this change of pace off quite well. Jones holds the melody with the keyboards (and synthesizer) with Page adding the embellishments on acoustic and electric guitars. Lovely. This is the other tune which Jones exclusively wrote. "I’m Gonna Crawls" is a blues number that closes the album. It has a very strange synthesizer intro which sounds suspiciously like an orchestra, but the cut is otherwise unmemorable.

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One difference is clear from the start. There are a lot more keyboards on this album than on any of its predecessors. The credits can partially explain this. John Paul Jones had a hand in writing six of the seven numbers on this album. There are two tracks for which he wrote all of the music. It has been ten years since a Led Zeppelin song (not including instrumental) was not at least partially written by Jimmy Page. And as much as I enjoy instrumental music, I have to admit that the interactions between Page and Jones throughout the album were more interesting than quadruple guitar overdubs.

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B-52's blitz Philadelphia & the airwaves

The B-52's on Warner Brothers Records BSK-3355.
The B-52's with the Bloodless Pharaohs at The Hot Club, Philadelphia, August 28.

After gaining popularity among new-wavers on the strength of a single ("Rock Lobster") the B-52's are clearly on their way to stardom with the release of their first album. Perhaps the best of the artistic (read as "beyond the musical capabilities of the Ramones") new wave groups around, they have produced a genuinely exciting record - anywhere in the continental U.S.

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"This is a real rocker, which consists mainly of uncommon girls' names, and the repeated question "Can you name, name, name? Name them today?" Like some other B-52's work, it parallels similar tunes of the 1960's. "Dance this Mess Around" seems very strange, but it's none of the best songs on the album. It has a confounded, leghthy structure, but remains interesting as it parodies recent popular tunes. "Rock Lobster" closes the side out with a look at a beach party in typical B-52's style. Side two starts with "Lava," which overflows with sexual imagery. "There's a Moon in the Sky (Called the Moon)" is another visit to space. "Hero Worship" displays Cindy Wilson's voice best, as Fred Schneider moves to keyboards. "600-842" is the story of a person who reads a scraper in lavatory promising "600-842!" And I'm ready for you." He tries to call over and over, but the number has been disconnected. The closing song, "Downtown," is the same tune that was a hit for Pete's Clark years ago. The B-52's give it a sparse and distant sound, with city street noises in the background to make them sound as if they are playing on a busy street corner.

The exhausted audience stepped out into the cool Philadelphia morning. The B-52's had done a fine job under battlefield conditions.

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Jon von Zolowicz
In addition to golf, eleven other sports stage fall campaigns. The baseball team begins its fall season with the Waldheim Invitational with Bentley, Babson, and Massachusetts Buy Community College at Sept. 17 and 18.

As noted in Friday's Tech, the football team faces Norwalk Community College at Steinbrenner Stadium on September 22 in its opener. Cross-country coach Chris Lane's charges will attempt to better last year's 6-2 record when they take on WPI and API on Sept. 22. Last year, the team took 10out with victories over those two schools. The field hockey team starts its season on Sept. 24 against Pine Mountain Junior College at home, in a 4pm start.

Harold 'Hutch' Brown's sailors will attempt to match last year's performance, which earned them a tenth place ranking in national sailing magazines. The long season begins on Sept. 15 with the Boston University Invitational and a two-day affair in the Penobscot Bay Open at Maine Maritime. The women's sailing team starts the same day with the Single-Handed Championship. Walt Ales's soccer team has its first contest against Clark University on Sept. 19 at home. However, with the loss of 11 seniors, eight of them starters, Alesi will have a vastly different team than the one that defeated Harvard last year, the first time the MIT boosters accomplished that feat since 1962. Ten returning lettermen should ease the burden to some degree, however.

The men's tennis team, under the direction of Ed Crocker, has a limited fall schedule, which begins with a home match against Clark on Sept. 18. Their female counterparts start Sept. 20 at Brandeis, one of only two away matches during the team's ten match fall season.

On Sept. 26, the volleyball team begins at Salem State in a 7pm game. This year the team will host the GBCAA on Oct. 20. Finally the water polo team, which finished third in New England last year behind Brown and Yale — losing to Yale in the New England finals after sudden death periods — has a chance for revenge when it opens at home against Brown on Sept. 22. The next weekend is the all-day MIT invitational, and another MIT tournament is scheduled for later in the season.

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