FIRST TERM GRADES FALL OFF IN SPITE OF LOW DROPOUT RATES

With the release of unofficial figures this week, it seems evident that the general cumulative average of non-fraternity groups has fallen off sharply from last spring's ratings.

The all-men's average, unofficially calculated from figures released by the administration on Wednesday, dropped to 3.334 from the customary third-term average position. The drop was not unexpected and most of its members have adopted a philosophical attitude toward the drop.

Much shuffling of positions is seen in the list of group cumulative ratings, no doubt due to the fact that many group members have been cut from the rolls since the last spring term. Much of the fluctuation appears to be due to the fact that the stricter monetary policy was not an indication of a financially embarrassing situation last year.

The following are the group cumulative averages:
- 18. Phi Beta Epsilon 3.347059
- 17. Student House 3.37
- 16. Rho Chi 3.405
- 15. Sigma Phi Epsilon 3.413
- 14. East Campus 3.45
- 13. Tau Kappa Epsilon 3.46
- 12. Phi Eta Sigma 3.509
- 11. Tau Epsilon Pi 3.52
- 10. Delta Upsilon 3.53
- 9. Alpha Epsilon Pi 3.51
- 8. Phi Kappa Sigma 3.52
- 7. Alpha Tau Omega 3.53
- 6. Sigma Chi 3.53
- 5. Theta Delta Chi 3.53
- 4. Theta Xi 3.55
- 3. Phi Gamma Delta 3.58
- 2. Alpha Xi Delta 3.60
- 1. Iota Phi Theta 3.64

Crew Outlook Good: Returning Lettermen Key

Facing their typically rough schedule with competition that includes some of the best names in the human, the MIT crew turned to the Charles two weeks after this year than last. The extra practice (although cut in half by the heavy snowfall of two weeks ago) plus a solid nucleus of returning lettermen should muscle the oarsmen, especially the varsity heavies, to a fine season.

Earlier in the week, the Baker House Commons Committee listed all the dishes offered for the upcoming week in accordance with Wilder's directions. The committee will use the results of this year's program as a basis for its full-service program.

Baker Takes Action on Commons System

Baker House Committee took action Wednesday night to eliminate the triple meals served at family-style meals. Baker Commons Committee was armed with sending letters strongly advocating the discontinuance of the practice to Dean P. G. Fassett, Mr. Bert Wiesner, chofer, and Mr. Schell, Baker House Dietsman.

The move came as part of a concerted effort by Baker House to improve its standing in the judgment of the newer members of its fraternity. As is usual, the move is expected to result in a large turnover but the Baker House Student Dining Committee, which has been in existence since 1951, feels it can meet the needs of the students.

In the words of head coach Jack Frailey, the 1959 heavyweights "as a whole exceeded all previous performances." The highlight of the season was the Lightweight Sculling Eights, which MIT hosted Thursday. Out of 13, the Engineers were ahead of top-flight crews from Brown, Princeton, and Wisconsin, but lost to Dartmouth, Princeton, and Wisconsin, whose men have not been defeated by any other crew.

Saturday Night Dance Show To Climax Week

A well-planned week of activities highlighting this year's International Week has met with encouragingly large support and participation by the students. The group, consisting of 26 countries, hosted a panel discussion in the Science Center on the subject, "Developed Countries: A Threat to World Peace?" The panel, organized by Dr. Everett H. Haugen of the Department of Economics, consisted of the representatives of those departments plus guest passelers.

Saturday night, the International Dance Show will culminate the week's activities. The activities of the foreign groups will be represented by 26 countries and groups from countries will present the theme, "U.N. at MIT." Tickets for the 8:30 performance at Kresge may be reserved at extensions 2902 or 3420, or by Jim de Sola at CO 6-2968. All seats are reserved; admission is 75c. Tickets are non-transferable.

Killian Returns From Australian Congress

Two MIT administrators and their wives arrived back in Cambridge last week after representing the Institute at various foreign alumni gatherings and international technology conferences.

Dr. and Mrs. James K. Killian, Jr., Chairman of the MIT Corporation, and Mrs. Eriwin H. Schell, of the School of Industrial Management, arrived from Australia on March 21st after a week in the International Academy of Manpower, Lisbon, the International Congress of Scientific Manpower, New Delhi, and the International Congress of Scientific Manpower, London where he visited with Eng-