Visitors may play tic tac toe game with IBM 7090

The facilities of the Computer Center, on the first floor of Building 21, will be on display all day throughout the Open House program.

Some problems will be demonstrated on the 7090 computer. The computer has been programmed to play tic tac toe with visitors. When in progress, the game will be viewed on a cathode-ray oscilloscope attached to the computer. Also, the computer will solve a set of equations describing the motion of a bouncing ball. The solution to these equations will be displayed on the oscilloscope.

IBM 7090 computer replaced the slightly slower IBM 709 in January, 1952. The 709, now in storage, was a forerunner of the 7090 and its predecessor, runs approximately three times faster than the 709.

The Computer Center is currently being used both by industry and other institutions as well as MIT. Every department now uses the facilities of the center.

More than two dozen regular MIT subjects, graduate and undergraduate, plus more than one dozen courses at other New England colleges use the 7090 as part of their instruction programs.

PMC reduces costs for fraternity system through quantity buying

Saving each of MIT's 28 fraternities several thousand dollars a year in the Purchasing Manager's Council of the Interfraternity Conference. The PMC, headed by Drew Roskos of Alpha Tau Omega, operates much like a clearing house for orders from all the fraternities.

The idea behind PMC, developed a few years ago, was to set up a central buying agency. Each fraternity to pool orders on items common to all of the houses. In this way, savings could be made in quantity.

The major programs of the PMC have so far been in items such as meat, milk, liquor, oil, bread, and little items such as light bulbs. The budget for most alone last year ran more than $130,000; savings of from $8000 to $10,000 were realized.

As the IFC's largest standing committee, the PMC has for one of its responsibilities to serve as a complaint board. As a result of its activities has resulted in a number of significant improvements.

Extensive new facilities, including a warehouse, are planned for the PMC in the new Student Union. Plans now call for the PMC to carry and stock various non-perishable items.

Sangam will present seminars on India

About thirty students recently organized Sangam, a club for Indian affairs. According to its constitution, the club is intended to be a meeting point for all those interested in India.

The club members propose to present seminars and talks on Indian affairs. In addition, they plan to organize social and cultural events, and to take part in the activities of the International Programs Committee.

The following students were elected club officers: president, Rajog Nath; vice-president and treasurer, Maheshbhai; and secretary, Alyub Hosonally '63. Meetings of the club are open to students, staff, and faculty members. All inquiries and suggestions should be addressed to Raggo Nath, in Room 32-417.