Residence Week II

Several new developments seem to have taken place in the dispute over whether MIT will have a Residence Week or Rush Week next year. A decision by the Dean's Office is still pending, but it is hoped that it will soon be made.

If the deans decide in favor of Inscomm in this dispute, it would seem likely that the IFC leadership, in its present frame of mind, would feel obligated to retaliate in some manner. This could take many forms, from pulling out of Residence Week to plain refusal to cooperate with Inscomm. As we stated earlier, we do not feel that Inscomm has the time or experience to justify in the case, as the following examples will demonstrate. Membership is one of the details that could be left to the incoming group; however, the plan has worked on a national, state and local level in this country for so long that it is a point for speculation as to why this provision was not included in the original Inscomm constitution.

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