Burton renovations proceed on schedule

The structural renovations of Burton House are nearly completed, according to P.F. Barrett, construction manager for physical plant.

At the present time, the "finish work," painting, and tiling are underway in the eastern wings of the building, although the slate roof and plaster walls have just been put up.

The renovations have proceeded fairly quickly, Barrett said, because the aesthetics are much the same. The floors, stairwells and corridors are structurally the same, so the students "won't recognize it."

There will be some outside work done. The parapet on the roof has already been altered and the windows replaced. In the back, a loading dock will be constructed.

Whitney M. Young, a recently-elected member of the MIT Corporation, died suddenly yesterday while attending a conference in Lagos, Nigeria. Young was director of the National Urban League since 1961 and one of very few blacks to be elected to the Corporation.

The Boston Globe, a three-query computer system, built, and some of the land in the rear will be utilized as a "house of service."

Since there will be fewer people living there (about 300 compared to 500), the dining hall will be reduced in size, and space be made available for house activities. A decision will be reached within a few months.

So far, the schedule originally set up has been adhered to. Barrett hopes that the construction will be completed by July in time to allow the staff to fully move in.

The delays that plagued the construction of Massachusetts Avenue structures, will not hold up Burton as there are no union contracts expiring this summer.

By Alex Makowski

The MIT Interfraternity Conference (IFC) is attempting a reorganization and revitalization to stave off pressures for collapse that have been building gradually over the past few years.

During the past three weeks, presidents from more than 20 of MIT's 29 fraternities have met twice to discuss both the roles the IFC could be filling and the structural changes needed to maintain a viable organization. Although no drastic changes were made, most IFC members concerned that the group was necessary to further the common well-being of the houses.

Another development from the meeting was the election of new officers. Harwell Thrasher, a charter member of the new Pi Kappa Alpha chapter, was elected chairman on his pledge to assume an active role in investigating and carrying out useful purposes of the IFC.

Established at MIT only two years ago, PIA also placed another brother among the top officers: Marcy Goodman was elected treasurer. Frank Hughes, Phi Gamma Delta president who co-founded PIA with Harwell Thrasher for the post of chair, was elected vice-chairman. Though no drastic changes were made, the large number of students needed at MIT to serve in the roles the IFC could be filling was disappointing.

If current re-examination of IFC is a harbinger of the impetus for the current re-examination of the need for the IFC, then the campus is feeling at many houses that the IFC was a mere shell kept alive by inertia and the wish for the status it once had.

Another development from the meeting was the agreement of some campus leaders to supervise Rush Week and have more content to submit to the student government.

By Curtis Reeves

Several students have announced plans for a major reorganization of student government.

"We intend to do is rewrite a new constitution," he began. Along with JAYP John Krywickey he plans to meet with "as many people as we can - faculty, students, non-college experiences, workers, staff, students on student-faculty committees, heads of dorms, parents - anyone who can give us input on what student government has done in the past and isn't doing now."

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According to Krywickey, one of the provisions of the new document would be for a type of representative body different from the current General Assembly. The proposed council would be composed of house presidents and from the dormitories, other house officials. Schulte explained, "So far, everything has been concentrated on living groups since communication is better there."

The CIS has been the target for past anti-war demonstrations. During November, 1969, several hundred youths massed in the plaza by the residence hall as a demonstration for "finish work," painting, and tiling are underway in the east-

 credential for sponsoring the rally.

In other developments, MIT staff members in an un-

signed leaflet Wednesday a rally and search aimed at "Smashing CIS at MIT."

Claiming that CIS conducts counter-insurgency research used directly by the US government in exploiting the Third World, MITDS distributed posters and leaflets urging students to rally at 77 Mass. Ave. Monday noon and then "march on CIS."

Several students and researchers and their publications were attacked by the leaflet, among them was the with Austrian, Commune of Vietnam and the Increased Re- resist feature, and the New University Con-