Dorm squeeze persists in wake of Residence Week

By Alex Makowski and Robert Fourer

A high-level Task Force on Education may recommend this fall fundamental changes in the format of MIT's undergraduate education.

The effect of the departmental structure on this four-year period could be diminished, while increased contact between students and faculty may be encouraged through a program similar to the current undergraduate research opportunities venture.

Additionally, the Task Force's report will most likely suggest the establishment of a separate Institute for educational research. The appointment late in the past academic year of a high-level Task Force on Education to the point of setting specific proposals before the faculty. The Task Force met through May and during the summer, and has reached enough of a consensus for chairman Harley Rogers to begin writing a draft for their report.

Once the report is completed sometime during the fall it will be presented to President Jerome Wiener. From his office it goes to the faculty for action. Until the report is actually released it is hard to predict how the faculty will react to the Task Force's sometimes sweeping proposals for change.

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Rogers Report due for fall

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Some fundamental changes will still be necessary in Institute dorms this year following the conclusions of the Depart-

As was true last year, East Campus will bear a sizeable amount of the burden of "doubling up" to boost capacity. But a shift in room assignment policy has spread the overcrowding a bit more evenly around the campus.

The overcrowding was inevitable — the total fraternity freshman capacity was 48, some 40 or 50 beds short of the number necessary to free the dorm system of any strain. For the frater-
nities, Residence Week was satisfactory, with the number of new freshmen members above 95% of the need figure. [See accompanying article below.]

And coed living, in only its second year as a feature of the Institute dorm structure, received its place at MIT. Only two or three spaces for women remained empty Wednesday evening when most of the room assignments had been completed. As was true last year, Browning described the Residence Week as "very successful" for coed residence.

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Browning could only explain the disinfection for Baker by suggesting that it was "at the middle of demands for the cheap living in East Campus on the one hand and the luxury in MacGregor and Burton on the other. For students interested in inexpensive living who are willing to forego modern architectural design and the West Campus reputation, East Campus is an attractive location, MacGregor and Burton, with their suite living, extensive lounge facilities, and numerous kitchens, are the ideal students, with enough money to pay for better living quarters. Twenty year old Baker House, sailing in design to the coed dorm this fall. The number of beds available for fresh-

Rush tallies run high after uncertain start

By Norm Sandler

Rush week lived up to the expectations of its coordinators again this year, to the satisfaction of fraternities and self-styled "living groups" struggling for their economic existence.

With what appeared as a rather disappointing start, this year's rush had progressed from a fair hope Monday to an excel-

Two fraternities which did exceedingly well after undergoing organizational or procedural changes were Sigma Alpha Mu (SAM) and Tau Epsilon Phi (TEP). SAM initiated an open-

Two coed fraternities - Delta Phi and Sigma Nu - were successful in attracting at least some women with the number of applications for coed residence. It is due to "the strong support from the Institute, frater-
nity alumni, and nationals, plus the number of views on the dorm this fall. The number of beds available for fresh-

President Wiener entertaining at the Freshman Picnic last Friday. [Photo by David M. Tenenbaum]