Frat new members

By Bill Conklin

Six MIT living groups are seeking new members among students who are not satisfied with their present living situations.

With the help of Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Ken Browning and the Inter-Fraternity Council, BTP, Fenway House (formerly SAMI), KS, PKS, and TEP, and BZT are arranging informal meetings with prospective new members.

Each year we see people who come by and say, 'What do we do if we want to change living groups?' explained Browning. "We would like to act as a clearinghouse to help these people get in touch with living groups who would like to meet them."

"What we want to do is slightly formalize and facilitate the process of helping these people find a place to live."

"This doesn't indicate any deterioration in the fraternity system," he stated, "There has been no drastic shift in the situation. This idea has been on my mind for several years."

Browning said that the living groups involved were not "pushed out by getting new members," but had room in their houses, and were interested in recruiting people who might like to live there.

Most of the houses would have room because of people moving out between terms, or a smaller rush than was expected, according to Browning. "This would not be a rush kind of thing," he said. "It would be on a small, individual basis. I would be pleased if ten people found places they like."

"This is just as an experiment," he continued, "It's not a change in the state of things, we're just opening up a new area."

Browning said that the important thing was to spread the word around. "Maybe the people we don't see don't know we're here. It's like stimulating people who might not even look.

MIT officials Monday declared the onset of an exodus of two political groups from the Lobby of Building 7, last Thursday, in what appeared to be preparation for the regular quarterly meeting of the MIT Corporation the following day.

Two students seeking support for petitions calling for the impeachment of President Nixon were told Thursday that they could not remain in the Building 7 lobby to collect signatures.

Ken Isaacson, Liberal Union leader, and Joel Weisman, '75, who are working with the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts on the impeachment campaign, said they were ejected from Building 7 just several hours after receiving approval to conduct their petitions there.

"The lobbying booth was relocated somewhere other than Building 7 lobby, and that there were strong indications that the next Corporation meeting would be major."

According to Isaacson, Lisa Broderick, president of Dean for Student Affairs Carol Ellenberg, and Alice Seeling, Administrative Assistant to Ellenberg, informed them that "some one in the administration had called the Dean's office to suggest that the impeachment booth be moved to the lobby of Building 6.

"We were surprised that any kind of meeting could be called in the lobby of Building 6, considering the nature of the audience that had occurred last week, and the fact that Building 7 lobby was temporarily cleared of just about everything."

"But it was not a change in the state of affairs with the uy," said Isaacson, "We'd like to stimulate people who otherwise might not even look."