Mancuso talks about frats

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mean an entrenchment of new kinds of traditions is housed as much as it may serve a return to old traditions.

The Tech: What will be the effect of the completion of the new dormitory on the number of new students looking at fraternity life?

Mancuso: That's a good question. As I understand it, the size of the class will be enhanced. That's the important effect that the new dormitory will create. Enhancing the size of the class will create a larger sample pool for the freshmen to work with. It should make it easier for the fraternities to carry out their rush efforts next fall. There are also several other factors that may influence the fraternity rush and we are talking right now about changes that would increase the advantages of both the fraternities and the dormitories in the next R.O. week. With the larger sample pool, it should make for a better fraternity rush.

The Tech: Can you give us some idea of what changes will be?

Mancuso: Some of the things we are talking about are things like allowing freshmen to be housed at fraternities prior to the beginning of the fraternity rush a night early. Some other things we are talking about would generate more dormitory activities during R.O. week for those who choose to stay in the dormitories. So the total picture would be one of increasing the fraternities' rush potential, increasing the dorms' R.O. potential, and thus not creating any disadvantages for either member, but making things better for the freshmen coming through and giving him more things to do, I think we're really talking more about a quality rather than a quantity type thing.

The Tech: How many fraternities are now considering going coed?

Mancuso: As far as I know, there are two fraternities that are considering it who were considering it last year: Chi Phi and Pi Kappa Alpha. I should add that Chi Phi Sigma has apparently just begun the process of considering these matters. As for Chi Phi and Pi Kappa Alpha, Chi Phi apparently will not be able to because of internal problems with their alumni who are pretty much set against it. Pi Kappa Alpha will be submitting another proposal this year and hope that, based on the experience they got last year, they might have a little more success getting this one through the Dean's Office.

The Tech: What sorts of problems will they have, first with arranging the transition, second with getting girls to move in, and third, helping the girls adjust to the new situation?

Mancuso: MIT requires that any living group which goes coed must first have a large enough number of upperclassmen coeds to provide for the newcomers during the transitional period. Last year Pi Kappa Alpha achieved that, but other fraternities have had trouble getting enough coeds. I suspect that that is the problem more often than not because people just don't care.

Alumni naming Corp. candidates

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"All kinds of people get nominated," Whitman said, "from student government types to people brilliant in their department." The screening committee will be looking for students with "a commitment to working with other people," she said.

The screening committee is relying on the people making the nominations to explain why the nominee deserves to be on the ballot, since it no longer forwards nominations to housemasters and "certain members of the administration" for comments, Whitman said.

Approximately 3,000 valid ballots were received in each of the past two elections. "The graduating seniors and graduate students are ineligible to vote, but they often don't know what's going on," explained Secretary of the Institute Robert D. Blake. "They get a ballot in the mail with some names and are told 'vote for one.'"

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