Over 80% of freshmen visited frats

By Mark James
Over 80% of freshmen have visited at least one fraternity as of Saturday afternoon. Interfraternity Conference (IFC) Steve Piet '78 and IFC Rush Chairman Milton Rose '78 both said that the rush appeared to be going well, although it is too early to get an accurate assessment of its success.

Jerry Cole '78 IFC Judicial Committee chairman, said that there have been no allegations of major violations of the IFC rush rules, although there have been more minor complaints than last year. IFC officials characterized last year's rush as extremely free of violations.

Cole said that this year the severity of complaints was on the order of one incident in which a fraternity member was seen wearing a shirt with his house insignia while he was on the M.I.T. campus before rush began officially.

Many fraternities' rush chairman have been "impressed with the freshmen they've seen," according to Rose.

Beginning Saturday at 8am, freshmen will offer bids to freshmen, who may respond with pledges as early as 8am Monday. Rose said that some houses had been visited more heavily than last year, while others saw fewer freshmen than they did in 1976.

A failure of the Clearinghouse computer system, used to keep track of freshmen, wiped out five hours of information, so that no accurate figures were available in the number of visits made to fraternities.

The IFC has set up a number of rules designed to protect both freshmen and fraternities from unfair rushing. They prohibit houses from rushing freshmen between their arrival and the end of the picnic, from hiding a freshman from other houses, and from rushing a freshman who has pledged another house.

Starting on Sunday, most fraternities will concentrate on rushing the freshmen that they have bid, and many freshmen will concentrate more on the do-robust system.

Monday's dorm pick process is a complicated procedure

By Steve Kirch
Editor's note: Tomorrow, freshmen who desire a place in the dormitories will be asked to fill out preference cards. Here is a clarification of the various options available as well as some statistics on which dormitories have been oversubscribed in the past.

The process of assigning freshmen to dormitories begins Monday night and ends Friday night, with about 65 percent of the students assigned by then Tuesday.

The assignments are done completely by hand by representatives from each dorm. Associate Dean for Student Affairs Kenneth C. Browning '66, and by two other members of the Dean's office. It takes about three hours until first round assignments have been made.

The assignment process is fairly well described in Housing lore for Freshmen, which was distributed at registration in the R.O. Center. There are some addendums and clarifications that should be made, however.

Groups specifying "crowded" on their preference cards will be assigned first to the appropriate room size in their first choice dorm. If there are more requests than the number of rooms of this size, the group is treated as one card in the next random drawing. If there are still crowded rooms available, the next drawing is of individual "crowded" cards. Should the "group card" fail to be picked, it is entered in the next drawing of individuals who did not desire to be crowded. If the card is chosen at that point, all members of the group who specified "crowded" will be put in overcrowded rooms. However, if the card is not chosen, it, along with all other cards that did not receive their first choices, are returned by next available choice, and an entirely analogous process takes place.

Once assigned to a dormitory, a freshman's individual room assignment is at the discretion of the dorm. The size and type of room, however, is determined by where in the dorm assignment process the card was picked.

Roommate cards are treated as one "card." Thus, all the roommate designations do not guarantee that both people will be in the same room.

A Wellesley student helps out at a fraternity desk, checking freshmen to make the bidding process smoother.

FRESHMEN AND UPPERCLASSMEN MINGLE AT A FRATERNITY RUSH ACTIVITY

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Yesterday's edition of The Tech incorrectly reported the recent time for a fraternity to extend a bid to a freshman as 7pm Sunday; the correct time is 8am Sunday. In addition, the photo credit on the bottom of yesterday's front page was incorrect; the photographer was John Hopper '78. The Tech regrets the errors.