More freshmen move into dorms, frats

By Bob Wasserman

Fraternities neared their goal of freshman pledges and a second round of dormitory assignments was made yesterday as a majority of the class of '81 found permanent housing.

Milan Roye '78, Interfraternity Conference (IFC) Rush Chairman, said that at this time it "looks like a very good rush." As of 5 p.m. Wednesday, 367 freshmen had pledged; this number is 92 percent of the IFC's goal of 405. Roye further stated that "over half of the housing was finished with obtaining their pledges, and most of the rest were within two of their goals."

Senior House and Random Hall received the largest number of freshmen yesterday in the second round of fall housing assignments for the class of '81. Yesterday's assignments were given to freshmen who were in limbo after Tuesday's dormitory lottery, or those who had voluntarily chosen to re-apply after disliking their first round assignments. The final assignments will be issued Friday after two more rounds of the lottery.

West Campus dormitories, including New House, were greatly oversubscribed again Wednesday; each of these dorms was assigned only a small number of freshmen who stood. After yesterday's placements, 44 freshmen still remain in limbo. Most of the remaining spaces are in Random Hall and in Bexley Hall.

Bexley Hall officially maintains no R.O.P. program, and planned "no activities, period, beside re-"quested tours" according to a resident. He further correlated "Bexley's anti-rush as a winning success." The resident described the dorm's new freshmen as "reasonable" and "very quiet," but commented "most of the freshmen who come in later this week will probably move out within a year."

Popular Smoot myth is inaccurate

By Gordon Haff

Do you know where the length of the Harvard Bridge, most MIT students can tell you right off - 344.4 smoots plus one ear. It's been that way since the fall of 1958 when Oliver Smoot '62 and his fellow Lambda Chi Alpha pledge marked the bridge off in this unusual unit of measurement (equal to about 5'6").

Since that time, the "Smoot"

of 1958 and 344.4 smoots plus one ear, are not necessarily accurate versions of it, has appeared in such publications as The Boston Globe, The Boston Herald American, The Christian Science Monitor, and even Sports Illustrated. The popular version usually involves a drunk rugby player who becomes stiff as a board and is tipped end-over-end by his equally inebriated friends. About a month after an inaccurate version of the story appeared in Sports Illustrated (apparently very few LCA residents even knew the true story), the fol-

lowing piece by Ollie Smoot was published in the December 1975 Lambda Lantern. LCA's alumni newsletter:

"In 1958 every week a special pos-dinner line-up for the pledges called "Wednesday Night" was held. [This is no longer done]. At these sessions pledges were given projects for the next week, reported on projects from the last week, and were gently and generally hauled. Tom O'Connor (39) my big brother, was the MC of many of these. As all who"