Freshmen get dorm assignments

By Steven Schenck
When the freshmen receive their Dormitory assignments at 11 o'clock this morning, only one step will remain between them and their permanent rooms. That step will take place, for the most part, this afternoon, when freshmen receive the dorms to which they have been assigned.

Each dorm has its own procedure for giving freshmen their permanent rooms. MacGregor House has a unique system of room assignments. According to Room Assignments Chair Tom Black ’80, "two representatives from each entry (living group) meet to bid for the freshmen to be in each entry." No freshmen file entry preference forms.

In New House, Burton, McCorinick and East Campus, freshmen, after receiving their permanent assignments, will spend most of this afternoon meeting the residents of the different living groups which combine their new dorms. By late afternoon or early evening, each will be asked to fill out a preference card on which they will indicate which living group they would prefer to live in, in order of preference, as well as preferences for roommates or suitmates and habits.

In McCormick, rooms are then assigned on the basis of these preference forms. Room Assignments Cochairwoman Lori Linton ’81 and Sharon Lowenheim ’79, Lowenheim said that they would then meet with the McCormick R/O Chairwoman and Housemasters and "try to match freshmen to places they would be happy." East Campus Room Assignments Chairman JoeBernays ’79 indicated that assignments at East Campus are "based on the (freshman’s) preferences," but he indicated that he would exercise some discretionary control to insure that the floors fill up evenly.

Burton House Room Assignments Chairwoman Linda Kurel ’80 said that after freshmen meet floor residents in both a planned presentation and informal discussion and submit preference cards, a lottery similar to that used for dorm assignments is held. Freshmen are assigned to their first choice floor until the floors are full.

New House room assignments work in the same way, according to Housing Chairman Steve Forman’80, as rooms are assigned solely on the basis of freshman preference — no control is given to any dorm members.

At Baker, rooms assigned to freshmen when they arrive are largely temporary. A large lottery is held on Sunday to assign rooms to upperclassmen and freshmen alike, with upperclassmen receiving first priority and freshmen then allowed to select whatever rooms remain open.

Senior House also assigns rooms late in the week, based on preference forms.

Fraternities continue rush

By Michael Blais
By 4pm yesterday, 238 freshmen had pledged fraternities and many houses have stepped up their rush efforts. Dave Maurer G, IFC Rush Chairman, commented that "the pledging has gone much as we expected." However, some fraternities are continuing to rush freshmen. Maurer pointed out that "a number of houses are still looking to meet more people. It's not unusual to see some houses rushing past Thursday or Friday."

Strange ending for dorm party

By Gordon Hoff
By Saturday night many of the first had a good idea of which freshmen they would bid the following day. Most pleased seemed with the freshmen who had come through, and were impressed with the class of 1982 as a whole.

There were few informal get-togethers and most of the fraternities were waiting until Sunday night for their big parties. As a result, the Hawaiian Luau at Baker House was the biggest bash of the night.

The Baker lobby showed all the trappings of the dormitory rush at its finest. Banners fashioned from streams of computer paper hung on every wall and told freshmen where to sign in, where to wait for coats, and how any of their questions could be answered.

Donuts and the beer was flowing. Baker women in grass skirts were grabbing anyone that got around priorities straight first. Ask yourself "does it require work?" "Does it meet in the morning?" "Is class attendance necessary to get a good grade?" If the answer to any of these is yes, swing majors.

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