Dining group issues draft report

By Jay Glass

After completing a comprehensive reexamination of the MIT dining system, the Committee on Campus Dining has drafted a report, now under discussion. The plan includes recommendations that would make sweeping changes in MIT's dining programs. Among the recommendations now being reviewed are those that establish a student food co-operative, revise meal plan options, expand and renovate dining facilities, and provide financial aid packages to actual room and board expenses, and appoint a member of the DSA as coordinator of the dining program.

Thus far, the proposal that has attracted the most attention is the establishment of five "commons" houses, whose residents, beginning with the Class of 1984 — this year's freshmen class will not be affected — would be required to subscribe to a meal plan of 12 or 19 meals per week, taken usually in their house's dining facility. The five so-called dormitories would be Baker House, McCormick, MacGregor, Next Houses, and East Campus. The remaining five houses would be considered "cooking" houses, although their residents would still be able to purchase a meal plan if desired.

The expected increase in utilization of MIT dining facilities caused by this new system would be met by the renovation and expansion of Pritchett Lounge on East Campus, the re-opening of the dining hall in McCormick, and the addition of a new dining facility in Next House, the new dormitory which is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1981. While the details have yet to be worked out, as in many of the recommendations, it is expected that the McCormick dining hall would be available by all undergraduate groups. In addition to the new dining facility, plans for Next House call for inclusion of enough storage and freezer space to permit system-wide bull; purchases. Such (Please turn to page 3)

Drinking law a new R/O problem

By Michael Twiss

"The success of Rush week isn't based on alcohol consumption but rather on the number of people who are satisfied with their new living group," according to Mike Johnson '80, the Interfraternity Conference (IFC) Judicial Chairman. "It's the freshman experience that matters, not the alcohol that's being consumed."

The alcohol situation has three sides to it. First, how will the drinking groups cope with the new alcohol laws? The letter is, part of the 20-year-old drinking law age has raised some problems for those in charge of Residence/Orientation (R/O) Week. "We expect Rush to run well this year," Bob Mattoe '80, Interfraternity Conference (IFC) Rush Chairman commented. "The biggest problem we could have would be rain (at the Picnic)."

There is no need to describe all the details of fraternity rush since they are readily available elsewhere. A few times bear mentioning, however. A fraternity cannot admit anyone until 7am Sunday morning and bids cannot be accepted until Monday at 8am. The only exception to this rule is Zeta Psi. As a new frat on campus they have a few special privileges. They were permitted to start their rush at 6:30pm last night. Also, they can extend bids on Saturday morning at 7am, and these bids can be accepted at 8am Sunday. In all, the fraternities are looking for about 400 pledges.

Women should not feel excluded from any portion of Rush. They may take part in all activities of any fraternity, including the all-male ones. The five coed independent living groups at MIT are: P/KA, the Number Six Club, Epsilon Theta, Student House, and Fenway House. Fenway is going to be coed for the first time this year. The Women's Independent Living Group (WILG) is an alternative for those women who would prefer single sex housing.

The dormitory system the following areas are coed: all of Baker, Burton, French, German, Rician, Spanish, and Senior Houses; and seven floors (out of ten) of East Campus. All — female portions of the dormitory system are McCormick and one floor in New House (3rd floor of 69). (Please turn to page 2)