High fine for alcohol violations

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plan activities that do not include alcohol... We're not planning any surprise visits or anything like that. I would condemn people forcing alcohol on people under age. The Institute policies are to abide by the law.

When asked whether he expected the police to pose any additional problems, Bob Sherwood responded, "Last year the students handled it (the drinking situation) very responsibly. There weren't any problems. There was, and is, no need for the police to get involved."

Captain Lyons of the MIT Campus Patrol expressed similar sentiments. "It's the law. You're not supposed to drink under 20. We're not going to scout around looking for people who do so. That's the responsibility... of the people running the gatherings."

MIT officials say they sincerely hope that the Cambridge or Boston police do not need to get involved since this would strain currently good relations between the Institute and these authorities.

Sherwood, and others, see the main point of friction as being neighbors to MIT fraternities. "There are some neighbors and landlords who are pretty fed up with some MIT houses. They may use the drinking law as an excuse to have Cambridge or Boston authorities take action against these frats."

Sherwood also commented on the final issue: how the new drinking age will affect Rush Week. "Some houses are encouraging their upperclass brothers not to drink. The houses that are doing that are being very empathetic to the situation."

He also mentioned that there will be a reciprocal effect. "It works both ways. If a freshman goes to a house where the beer is flowing down the steps he will be inclined to think less of that house since they are flagrantly disobeying the law."

He also worried that "houses really should not serve those whom they know to be intoxicated. The house then has a cumulative responsibility."

Overcrowding level to be about 75 to 100

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Bob Sherwood, Associate Dean for Student Affairs in charge of the Residence Program, commented that we've added four additional areas for women to live (indicated above), we're hoping that McCormick as first preference will diminish. Plus the number of women accepted seems a little shy of what was hoped for.

The overall number of freshmen is not optimal, however. Current figures have 1974 for the size of the class of '83. Sherwood hopes that this will eventually be pared down to 1986 actual arrivals. Even then there will be some overcrowding. The exact number is difficult to determine but there is likely to be between 75 and 100 overcrowded students. Sherwood hopes that no one will take this as gospel, however.

Complete information is found in the pamphlet entitled Housing Notes for Freshmen (1979), which is part of the Freshman Packet.

The situation this year is worsened since graduate and transfer students are having extreme difficulty in finding off-campus housing.

Sherwood hopes that most of the housing difficulties will be alleviated when the new dormitory, dubbed Nest House, is opened in September, 1980. "It's projected to reduce the crowding and to allow us to accommodate transfers and re-admits."

Voluntary crowding would remain since this permits reduced rents.

news roundup

World

Two suspects in Mountbatten slaying — Two men are being held by Irish police in Dublin in connection with the murder of Lord Mountbatten and three other people caused by a bomb explosion on Mountbatten's launch on Monday. Police sources said traces of nitroglycerine and seawater were found in the suspects' clothing at the time of their arrest.

Nation

US oil imports increase — Despite the lack of Iranian oil for most of the period, US oil companies imported nine percent more oil in the first six months of 1979 than in the same period in 1978. Most companies reported an increase in crude oil supplies, at the same time as gasoline supplies to service stations were being cut by as much as fifteen percent.

Local

MIT researchers find cancer marker — A research team here announced Wednesday that, with aid from researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital, they have detected an enzyme, galactosyl transferase, found in much higher levels in human bladder cancer cells than in normal cells. It is hoped that the discovery may lead to the first reliable diagnostic test for bladder cancer.

Hunger strike continues — The inmates of Walpole State Prison's Cellblock 10 continued into the ninth day of a hunger strike yesterday. The inmates in the segregation cell block are attempting to draw attention to their grievances with prison authorities.

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