Dormitory officers all opposed to dorm switch plan

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Student Council President Raymond Verret. Verret complained that by paying “lip service” to the graduate housing problem, the dormitory council was not behaving properly.

“I would not be a fair switch,” Dormitory Council President Dean Phillips 81, citing a lack of discussion, explained. “We’re not going to jump the gun on this. A decision has not yet been made at this point.” Despite Phillips’ cautions, the campus dormitory officers seemed almost united against the proposal. “I don’t think it should happen,” said Senior House Vice-President Paul Reim, 81, voicing a typical view.

Undergraduate Association President Jonathan Hakala 81 seemed less pleased that the administration had not notified him of the proposal previously. “I find it incredible that with such a major change in the dormitory system being contemplated, neither the Dormonion president nor I have yet been consulted.”

Hakala expected an all-west campus undergraduate dormitory system could satisfy the varying needs of students, saying, “When the people who weren’t here when the shift was made get here, we will have sufficient variety.”

Halfman said also the infirmary building may be converted to an undergraduate dormitory once the infirmary is moved to Cambridge Street in 1981.

Sherwood, in a related matter, mentioned that a dormitory residence limit for graduate students is now under consideration. Such a measure would tend to increase the number of dormitory openings for incoming graduate students.

Feature

Students offer information

By Lie Storch

The room is barely furnished; it has a couple of rolls of sand, a few posters on the walls. A recently-built partition with painted racing stripes brightens the place up a bit. A small clock radio plays softly in the background.

From their office in Ashdown basement, Nightline, the student-run help and information service, has been operating two telephones from 7pm to 7am for a year. They are used to respond to questions ranging from “What is the USC movie tonight?” to questions about sexuality.

Mark Childs 81, their coordinator for Nightline, stressed, “We don’t counsel. We talk to callers just as I would talk to a friend,” he explained. He and Elaine Thomas 80, another staffer, both feel Nightline provides a service that MIT sorely needs.

At present, Nightline is staffed by approximately 30 people. They receive little professional training, but consider themselves adequately trained for the job. They are striving to assemble a staff which reflects MIT’s community. Currently, they are an approximately even ratio of male to female workers.

At last tabulation, Nightline was receiving 1.3 calls per night. They estimate that the number of calls has climbed since then. They receive about 7 calls per night when the service is advertised. They receive more calls asking for information than from people just wanting to talk.

Nightline is funded by the Institute, and Childs hopes to move Nightline to a facility that is more accessible to “drop-ins”. He feels Nightline is a success and is optimistic about its future. They can be reached at 253-7840.

Blood Drive raises 1760 pints

By Jean Peng

This year’s annual TCA-Red Cross Blood Drive ended last Friday afternoon, with a total of 1760 pints donated by the MIT community. MIT fractions donated 624 pints and dormitories 433 pints, the closest finish in the long-standing rivalry on record, according to Blood Drive chairman Mark Murray.

Murray commented he was “very pleased” with the turnout, and that there were “no major problems,” even though the drive fell short of its 1900 pint goal. “The major reason for this shortfall,” said Murray, “is that four living groups were deferred because a member of the living group had contracted hepatitis.”

The greatest increase came from the “faculty, staff, and graduate students, reported Murray, and was a major factor in the success of the drive.

There was a five-way tie in the Interfaculty Conference contest for top donator. Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Theta Xi, and Zeta Psi all had 100 percent participation.

Delta Tau Delta won the “most improved” category, with an increase in participation of 10 percent to 9 percent.

In the dormitory contest, East Campus 2nd East was the top dormitory, with full participation, beating out 1st East and Russian House, with 93 and 92 percent participation, respectively. The most improved dormitory was Burton 2, with 88 percent of its members donating.

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