Dorm contracts to be enforced

By Sam Cable

MIT policy on dormitory contracts is currently under review in contrast to previous years according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert A. Sherwood. Sherwood stated that policy on leaving dorms is unchanged. "The only drastic change is that we're having to enforcing it," Sherwood said.

Occupyants of MIT dormitories will not be allowed to move out of their Institute housing system this year unless graduating, going on a Coop or Junior Year Away, withdrawing from MIT, or leaving for other institutional reasons. According to a letter sent to all dormitory residents by Sherwood, "The system which has been in place for several years is beginning to weaken as the system is 'behind schedule.'"

Sherwood said that allowing students to move into fraternities is "theoretically" the same as releasing students from their residential contracts and that case would have to be evaluated individually. However, in the past, the dormitories have gained many students who deplugged fraternities as they have to fraternities, he indicated. "My message is that we're really supporting the fraternity system," he said. "We will probably support students wishing to move to fraternities."

Sherwood further indicated that, due to attrition during the Independent Activities Period, the possibility of dropping student numbers by 100 per cent is "behind schedule." A notice to all students on meal requirements is due to be sent out in the beginning of November. However, the notices were not mailed until last Friday because the computer terminal which operates the Vail-dine card system broke down, according to Director of Housing and Food Services Gene Brammer.

"The terminal broke down at an inopportune time," said Administrative Assistant of Food Services Kevin Smith. He explained that if the student had received the notice in the middle of the term (as opposed to now) they are more likely to put off fulfilling their meal requirements. Brammer said that Smith's statement is not the primary reason why the notices were late. "We will probably support the fraternity system," he said. "We are going to give out the notices due to attrition during the Independent Activities Period, the possibility of dropping student numbers by 50 per cent is "behind schedule.""