1104 in Class of 1986

By Jack Link

Over 1000 of the 1104 members of the Class of 1986 who have arrived at MIT have vowed to select at least one fraternity.

"From what I've heard from the fraternities, the admissions office has done a superb job. The quality of freshmen coming through the houses has been better than in past years," said Mark Sorrells '83, Inter-Fraternity Conference (IFC) rush chairman.

"Rush has gone extremely smooth. I haven't heard a single complaint from a freshman that would constitute a rush violation," Sorrells reported. "All the R/O chairmen have worked well together. Rick Norton '83 of Domonkos was extremely helpful and dormitory desk workers were very cooperative in tracking down freshmen."

The independent living groups are looking for a total of 360 new residents, including 15 transfer students. The first bids were given out yesterday morning, and may be accepted as early as this morning. Last night, 21 fraternities were still giving tours, implying that they feel they have at least one more opening. Sorrells explained. R/O chairman Kenneth O'Neal '83 reminded freshmen that "even though the residence part of R/O is over, there's a lot of orientation still to come. The Athletic and Activities Midway is Tuesday, the new writing test is Thursday and the Events Day picnic is a week from today."

Among other differences in this year's rush was the omission of a familiar sign signalling that rush week had begun at MIT. Every year at this time, Mark Fenlon '83 of Alpha Tau Omega explained, letters on the sign atop the Sheraton Boston Hotel black out, "miraculously spelling out 'ATO.' This year, only the letters 'AT' were visible. One ATO member was heard muttering something about 'wiring problems.'

Freshmen Advised at Picnic

By Barry S. Surman

Frisbees flew, administrators articulated, and commandoes kidnapped as about 1100 freshmen and at least as many faculty members, administrators, and upperclassmen attended the annual freshman picnic Friday afternoon.

President Paul E. Gray '54 urged freshmen to take advantage of the "informal education" offered outside the classroom at MIT. Gray charged the new students to view themselves as "citizens of the world" in their careers at MIT and beyond, paying special attention to the issues of nuclear arms and the arms race.

"There are over 120 student activities," Gray said Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. R/O who encouraged the 104 in Class of 1986 to participate in the activities and athletic programs offered at the Institute.

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CP's nab dorm theft suspects

By Barry S. Surman

MIT Campus Police arrested two men on charges of trespassing and larceny in New House early Saturday morning. Police responded to a 10:50am telephone call from a fifth-floor resident of New House, complaining that two suspicious men in the dormitory may have stolen some of her belongings.

Sergeant Joseph Molinaux and Officer Paul Conway entered the dorm and were turned away by the pair, who later turned up a gold ring, pearl bracelet, and $2 in cash belonging to the student making the complaint.

Campus Police turned the pair over to Cambridge Police for custody.

SCC report says it's funds are well-spent

By Laura Farhie

(On the first page of this article, the header reads "in Class of 1986," which is incorrect.

Campus Police initially refused to identify the two men or the complainant, but confirmed the arrest of Darryl Scott of Somerville and Adam Collins of Cambridge, following release of the names by Campus Police. Molinaux and Conway found the gold ring hidden in Scott's belt, the pearl bracelet in his right front pocket, and the cash in his left sock, according to their report of the incident.

Larceny over $100 is a felony in Massachusetts, punishable by fine and up to five years in state prison. Trespassing, a misdemeanor, carries a maximum sentence of one year imprisonment.

The two were released on personal recognizance pending their arraignment today in Third District Court in East Cambridge.

An attempt by the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs (ODSA) to control SCC's use of income "would be a deterrent for both future creativity and cooperation on the committee's part," according to a draft report by SCC. The report was prepared at the request of the Dean's Office, for presentation to the Corporation's Visiting Committee on Student Affairs November 7-9.

SCC experienced a large increase in income in the 1981-82 year in an "efficient and effective manner" and does not want to relinquish control over its future income.

By Laura Farhie

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Food, conversation and lounging on the grass were the order of the day.