By Diana ben-Aaron

The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) assigned 86 percent of new students to their first-choice dormitories in last night's first-round housing lottery, but 139 others were placed in limbo, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert A. Sherwood.

The ODSA gave total of 691 freshmen permanent housing assignments. Sherwood said, this figure includes 96 freshmen housed crowd over the housing. "We had predicted 97, so we were really close on that," Sherwood said.

Of the men, 71 percent received their first choice dormitory, while 97 percent of the women obtained their preferred house, according to the ODSA figures.

The Delegate's Office will hold additional lotteries for students in limbo until the first round on Thursday. Students in limbo include both those who voluntarily re-enter the room lottery as well as those whose Delegate's Office could not assign to any of their choices. The number and location of spaces available will change as upperclassmen cancel their fall room assignments.

US response to Soviets' convictions

By Robert E. Malchman

The United States will employ only minor sanctions against the Soviet Union in response to the Soviets' alleged destruction of a Korean Air Lines passenger plane, said President Ronald Reagan in a nationally televised speech from the Oval Office last night.

Despite characterizing the attack as a "crime against humanity which must never be forgotten," Reagan said the United States "will not refuse to renew a bilateral transportation cooperation agreement and would seek international sanctions against Aeroflot, the Soviet commercial air line. The United States will also suspend certain bilateral negotations for a time, though not arms control talks, the president continued.

The United States will demand from the Soviet Union a full apology for and a complete accounting of their actions, permission for the United States to search in Soviet waters for bodies and wreckage, a promise that such an attack will never occur again, and monetary compensation for the families of the victims, according to Reagan.

"Vengeance is not the proper course of action," Reagan said, despite the "act of barbarism" in which 269 people, including 6 Americans, lost their lives.

Moscow has so far only said its pilot fired tracer bullets in front of the plane to warn the 747 that it was in Soviet airspace.

A tape of the pilot who shut down the aircraft before the Soviet conversion, Reagan countered. The president played a static recording of a man's voice speaking Russian. The tape proved the pilot deliberately fired his missile at the Korean plane, even after he saw the plane's strobe light and for 21/2 hours observed it flying in a straight line at constant altitude — the way only a passenger flight would, Reagan said.

An American RC-135 reconnaissance plane was shot down over the Soviet Union two years ago, killing all 21 crew members on board.

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