Most get first housing choice; 150 in Limbo

By Katie Schwartz

The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs assigned 670 freshman students to housing for the Fall term as the primary means of solving difficulties within the housing lottery. All available spaces in Institute houses, except Random Hall, were in the lottery. More dormitory spaces will become available as new students pledge fraternities, upperclassmen cancel dormitory assignments and additional crowded rooms are created. Students in Limbo will receive housing assignments in further rounds of the lottery. New students may cancel their dormitory assignments and place themselves in the lottery if they wish to try for another assignment in the residence system.

Associate Dean for Student Affairs Daniel N. Osherson will meet with students in Limbo today at 6:00 p.m. in Room 10.20 to inform them of housing opportunities. Nearly all get first choice

Of those who received an assignment, 95.7 percent, a larger percentage than ever before, were assigned to their first-choice housing according to Sherwood. The result of the lottery “makes us very happy,” he said.

Sherwood attributed the favorable result of the lottery to changes in the patterns of housing requests. Formerly unpopular dormitories have become more popular, he explained.

Senior House did a “spectacular job” of attracting new residents, Sherwood said. For the first time, students assigned to Senior House who had not requested it as his first choice, according to Sherwood. MacGregor House also attracted more students this year.

McCormick Hall was able to accommodate all students in crowded rooms those for the first time ever, according to Sherwood.

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First-round housing assignments

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Students in Limbo: 150

Percentage of those assigned receiving first choice: 95.7% Percentage of applicants receiving first choice: 78%

*Number of students assigned to crowded rooms.

Statistics derived from figures supplied by the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs and information from individual dormitories.

Picnic held indoors for first time in 16 years

By Craig Jengwirh

Fridays' inclement weather forced the Freshmen Picnic indoors for the second time in at least 16 years, according to Win Treese '86, Residence/Orientation (R/O) Week co-coordinator.

"The location of the Freshman Picnic was not a factor . . . if it is the case that Rush is going at a bit slow," said Interfraternity Conference (IFC) Chairman Timley Anderson '86.

President Paul E. Gray '44 introduced Julia C. McClellan, recently retired associate director of admissions, who echoed former director of admissions Peter H. Richardson's "48 tradition," the phrase "home and look both ways before crossing Massachusetts Avenue."

McClellan also advised the Class of 1989 to "learn to come to those of us who have confidence in you who are and why you're [at MIT]. . . . and care about each other."

Director of Admissions Michael C. Baker briefly addressed the freshmen advising them to take advantage of the continuing services that are available both by the Admissions and other support departments.

Dean for Student Affairs Shirley R. A. Sherwood announced that the name of MIT will be changed to "the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs" for the first time ever at MIT (Please turn to page 2)

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By Ben Sanger

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ment, at the President's Welcome Convocation for freshmen Friday afternoon in Kresge Auditorium.

Two Wellesley students and a Charlestown, Mass. resident were involved in an accident Friday afternoon on Memorial Drive near Pils Beta Epsilon fraternity. Both cars were injured, one seriously, according to Metropolitan District Commis-
sion officials.

Technique by Stephen P. Berberic

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