Back Bay is less tolerant of frats

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same age group as college stu-
dents, he said.

Since that time, however, most of the area's apartments have been converted into condominiums, Ertel continued. Student attitudes and behavior are not as acceptable to the older, more highly professional neighborhood, he said.

The issue of fraternity and ILG conduct has been more heated recently, Sherwood said, but the situation has always existed. "I've seen the behavior of fraternity students get better and better each year," he said. "The condo owners' tolerance is just less than it used to be."

One recent NABB complaint involved a Boston city councilman, Michael McCormack, who claimed that members of an MIT fraternity trespassed while running across his roof last September, breaking a skylight in the process, according to Tinley Anderson '86, chairman of the Interfraternity Council (IFC). "He made some kind of threatening comment at the time like 'we will get these guys out of here,'" Anderson said.

The NABB wants to curtail any problems to avoid taking direct action, Anderson said. The NABB made it clear to the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) that it would act unless MIT resolved the situation, he added.

The NABB would like to see MIT control its fraternities, Anderson said. "They seem to have a poor understanding that MIT doesn't do that."

"Our fraternities are bound by state and local laws," Ertel said. The NABB expects MIT to exercise more jurisdiction over its off-campus students although there is no legal justification for such control. "Our lawyers have told us that," he said.

The situation is made worse by the manner in which Boston University (BU) controls its students, Sherwood said. "The BU police will respond to neighbors' calls about BU students in apart-

ments, and in fact have arrested their own students," he said. BU enforces a code of conduct that students must uphold when their student's conduct might affect the standing of the University, according to the text of the code.

"BU's stance is that their stu-
dents are controlled, so any com-
plaints against BU students must be MIT students mistaken as BU students," Sherwood said. "Quite often the reverse is true."

"It's not only an MIT prob-
lem," Anderson said. "Neighbors often mistake Fisher, Emerson or BU students for MIT fraternity members when a disturbance occurs, he said. "They tend to as-
sume that it's always the fraternity

"... the student's conduct might affect
the standing of the University," he added.

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