ILG’s in conflict with NABB

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For instance, Ertel has held meetings with the officers of several ILG houses. The purpose behind these meetings is to "emphasize being responsible citizens in the neighborhood environment," Ertel said.

The ODSA is also working on backup housing plans in case ILG’s are forced out of their houses, Sherwood said. The Planning Office and the Office of the Senior Vice-President are "seriously exploring" alternate Cambridge-based housing plans, he continued.

For example, MIT might press for the rezoning of the Simplexes development project in order to allow ILG’s to live there, Sherwood said. "It's obviously not an easy proposal," he added, citing the difficulty ODSA has had in finding housing for Alpha Phi.

Two new independents elected to city council

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Incumbents Fred Fantini, Joe Maynard, Jane Sullivan and Fran Cooper and challengers Larry Weisstein and Sara Garcia were elected to the School Committee. 

The ILG’s-in conflict-with QB-agreed that the NABB want is to see the fraternity, the IFC and the individual houses of the IFC, the ODSA hopes to "put out any spot fires" and prevent situations from escalating into crises, he added.

The IFC is similarly involved in trying to improve community relations between the fraternity and the Back Bay, IFC Chairperson Anderson said.

The IFC has concentrated on increasing its positive visibility. Sherwood said. MIT fraternities made a strong showing at the Nov. 4 "Valley Rally," a Back Bay cleanup project, Anderson said. Several ILG’s are also involved with neighborhood Crime Watch programs, he said.

Furthermore, many ILG members are also affiliated with the NABB, including Minoo Shandlari, 47, IFC community relations chairperson. Anderson said. Ertel, Anderson, Bianardi and representatives of several IFC houses meet with the NABB once every two or three weeks, he continued.

"Over the past month the number of complaints has decreased a lot," Anderson said. He attributed the improvement in relations to better communications and the neighbors' willingness to deal with problems on an individual basis.

"It's got to be a give and take situation," Anderson continued. "The fraternities can show more responsibility and responsibility...[but] the neighbors need a greater understanding of what a fraternity really is."

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