Frats chase fewer men

Four years ago, a little more than 50 percent of MIT's men were in the fraternity system. In a few years, the system may need to fill all vacancies, according to Parfomak. "This is unreasonable," he said. "There aren't that many men who are compatible with or interested in the fraternity system."

Also, this year the amount of cross-rushing was very high, with some freshmen receiving 3 to 4 bids each, he added.

Some houses did better than others:
- One fraternity president said that his house may need to accept four vacancies this year, with two vacancies, his house had an average rush.
- Pedro G. Almeida '88, president of Alpha Delta Phi, said that, with two vacancies, his house had an average rush.
- "My personal feeling is that the participation of women in the Greek system should increase," Parfomak said. "I'd like to see sororities housed. This would decrease crowding in the dorms."
- Many fraternity presidents felt that MIT gives dorms an unfair advantage during rush week by misrepresenting fraternity life to incoming freshmen.
- "It had a lot to do with the bad fraternity rush this year," MIT is asking fraternities to house freshmen while misrepresenting fraternity life as inferior to dorm life, he added.
- Silverman suggested that the MIT administration stress to incoming freshmen, both during the summer and during rush week, that fraternity living is a viable choice, and one that often provides more emotional support than dormitory life. MIT should consider sending letters about the advantages of fraternity life to parents during the summer, he added.

A few fraternity presidents were confident that their houses could handle the current percentage of male undergraduates indefinitely. Some presidents felt that although the percentage of men was decreasing, the percentage that would consider fraternity life was increasing, having historically the same pledge pool.

Parfomak has been meeting with Associate Dean for Student Affairs James R. Tevsky to discuss current vacancies in the system and propose solutions for next year's rush.

Driving up the Maine coast is an excellent excuse to "get away" from MIT for a test. This rocky point, just north of Camden, is a typical shoreline view.

Find parking in Binney Street lot.

TRY A NIGHT OF SQUARE DANCING!

Tech Squares is hosting a FREE night of square dancing for beginners on September 15 in Burton-Conner Dining Hall from 8-11 PM. No partner or coordination required (we supply). Recorded info: 225-9126.

Full range of services including:
- Search service on Quantum's database of 65,000 and/or Books-in-Print on CD-ROM
- Quantum "Alert Service" on forthcoming titles in your field

MIT P.O.'s accepted, Delivery to MIT offices

MIT BACON & EGG BREAKFAST

494-5042
One Kendall Square, Bldg 400 (at Hampshire & Broadway)
Cambridge, MA 02139

Limit one per customer per visit. Please present coupon when ordering. Not valid with any other offer.