REFLECTIONS on the IFC Retreat...

Over the weekend of September 12th, twenty-eight members of the IFC went on a retreat to discuss IFC issues and to develop IFC leadership and unity. The members who went on the retreat included house presidents, house representatives, IFC officers, and the Advisor to Fraternities, Sororities and Independent Living Groups, Neil Dorow.

That Saturday morning began at 8:00 AM for these twenty-eight members. Many of the participants in the retreat had slept in mind, rather than IFC issues. Despite a series of MOYA-type icebreakers upon arrival of the retreat site, most of us still wondered what we would gain from this retreat. We spent the rest of the day and evening engaging in several trust-building activities. Many of us experienced low and high ropes courses for the first time in our lives. Gradually, a general feeling of openness and trust pervaded the participants.

The weekend ended with a discussion of what we had gained from our experiences that weekend and how we could use what we had learned to improve the IFC. Although IFC issues were raised, specific issues were not discussed in detail. This proved, however, to be a subordinate effect of the retreat. The primary effect of the retreat was to break down some of the stereotypes among the various living groups and to create open lines of communication among which IFC concerns could be discussed.

ORDER OF OMEGA

In the spring of 1992, twelve members of the MIT Greek community were initiated as charter members of the MIT chapter of the Order of Omega, a national leadership honor society. The Order of Omega's primary purpose is recognizing those students who have attained a high standard of leadership in inter-Greek activities to encourage them to continue along this line, and to inspire others to strive for similar conspicuous attainment. The Order of Omega also programs events that help mold the sentiment of the institution on issues confronting the Greek community.

To be eligible for membership in the Order of Omega, a student shall meet the following minimum requirements:
1. One full academic year at MIT
2. Be a junior or senior at MIT
3. Have a GPA of at least 4.050
4. Be in good standing with an FSILG

All members of MIT fraternities, sororities, or ILGs are encouraged to apply for membership. Applications will be available in Neal Dorow's office on the fifth floor of the Student Center. Additionally, applications will be distributed to all FSILGs. Completed applications should be submitted to IFC Rush Chair's mailbox on the fifth floor of the Student Center.

JIFC

The Junior IFC elected new officers for the upcoming 1992-93 term at their second meeting held on October 26th. The new officers are:
President: Bundy Bohra '96 (ATO)
Vice-president: Chris Reichert '96 (ADP)
Treasurer: Risa Wexhal '96 (WILG)
Secretary: Amory Wakefield '96 (WILG)

The purpose of Junior IFC is introduce freshmen to the IFC to provide leadership development, and to promote positive relations between living groups through social interaction. The JIFC is currently planning new activities which will help to accomplish these goals. Some of the goals of the new JIFC are to initiate freshmen exchange dinners and to create a practical and widespread community service program.