In an effort to increase awareness of sexual issues amongst the members of the IFC, the IFC proposed on February 17 to establish a group called Greeks Against Rape (GAR) that will provide a structured format for independent living groups to discuss topics ranging from gender stereotypes to harassment to date rape and rape.

The IFC proposal states two specific goals for GAR. During the 1993 Spring term, its members will attend one discussion that will be facilitated by the Sexual Issues Committee (SIC). A male living group will pair up with a female living group to create a small forum of 25 to 30, which consists equally of men and women, to discuss stereotyping, gender construction, sexuality, harassment, and sexual assault. These discussions will be led by one male and one female facilitator from the SIC. Their role will be to establish a structure for the men and women to voice their opinions in the easiest and least confrontational way possible.

Also, GAR will create a special committee that will serve as a link between the IFC and SIC to explore future activities that will help inform and educate the greek community on sexual harassment and sexual issues.

GAR is an organization that was started by many campuses nationwide in an effort by the greek community to increase awareness and educate themselves on the issues of abusive behavior and sexual harassment. One of the goals of IFC President Prashant Doshi was to establish a chapter at a chapter at MIT. Initially, Doshi said that he had planned on contacting a Boston rape crisis center to help the IFC formulate a structure to propagate information to its members. The "opportunity knocked when SIC approached us to support them and help them on converting the MIT community to participate in their discussions," Doshi said.

At this time, Kappa Sigma, Theta Delta Chi, Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Upsilon, Alpha Phi, Alpha Delta Pi and Delta Tau Delta are members. MELAN LEE

BRIDGING THE GAP WITH AHANA

A panel discussion entitled "African Americans in predominantly white fraternities" was held on Wednesday, February 24, sponsored by the IFC and AHANA (Asian, Hispanic, African, Native Americans at MIT) the discourse was an attempt to improve race relations between the predominantly white and predominantly black IFC at MIT. Fritz Francis '92, president of AHANA, explained the purpose of the event. "It was set up for three reasons," Francis said. "First, to help African Americans in predominantly white and predominantly black IFC's at MIT."

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The issue that IFC houses are sometimes "overfriendly" to African Americans during rush was also voiced. One African American said that during his rush he kept asking himself, "Why are they being so friendly? Do they have a minority quota in their house that they have to fill?" (Neil Dorow pointed out that no house in IFC had a minority quota.) Jeremy Riche '94 attributed "overfriendliness" to fear that African Americans won't want to live in predominantly white house... if we do treat African Americans differently, it's for a positive reason — it's because we want them [to stay and rush our house]."

Prashant Doshi '95, President of IFC, said that he hopes to see "increased communication between IFC and black fraternities." Doshi commented that black fraternities seem skeptical about what IFC could do for them, but believes that "regardless of whether it has something to offer, we really need to at least increase communication between us."

IFC is planning to increase dialogue between black fraternities and sororities, Doshi said. The forum, which by no means solved the issues at hand, opened lines of communication. Doshi and Francis were both pleased with the enthusiasm of the participants, and are confident that more people will become involved and try to remedy the situation.

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SOCIAL CHAIRS MEET WITH IFC

On Wednesday, February 24, the social chairs from all of the MIT fraternities and sororities attended a meeting set up by the IFC. The meetings main function was to create a forum for discussion on possible changes in the current social policy.

One of the main topics of discussion was the possibility of police officers working at fraternity parties. The reason for such action comes in response to the tragic incident at DKE earlier this year. The plan, if enacted, would work in two stages. In the first stage MIT police officers would be paid to provide any enforcement necessary on the Cambridge side fraternities. In the second stage MIT police officers would be paid to provide any enforcement necessary on the Cambridge side fraternities. Although no decisions were made at the meeting, many questions were raised. As of last week, the officers working were going to work. Delta Tau Delta social chair Kerry Rosenhagen said, "If the campus police is willing to change their policy of only working until a.m. and expand their hours until a.m. the policy would be much more appropriate and acceptable to fraternities." The future agenda will also include any changes to the current social policy set up by IFC in 1988.

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