Frosh to Declare Dorm Preferences

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From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, incoming students will be making their dormitory selection preferences in the Residence and Orientation Center.

For the second year in a row, students will be able to make their selections via a bank of computers set up in the R/O Center in the Student Center, rather than filling out preference cards by hand as in past years.

Students will enter their dormitory preferences into the computer. A computerized matching system then attempts to provide the best available selections for all students.

According Andrew M. Eisen- mann '75, assistant dean for residence and campus activities, students will be given preference cards and instructions on how to input their selections into the computer when they come to the R/O Center. After marking their preferences on the cards, the students enter their rankings into a computer.

Eisenmann said this is a slight change from last year, when students went in and saw grades and rankings on the cards. The change will hopefully minimize the amount of time spent at the computers thinking of rankings, he said. Last year, some students were forced to wait an hour or more to register their preferences. "This will be good for us, and good for them too," Eisenmann said.

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Some Frosh Hide from Rush

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As living groups begin to extend their ranks, a number of freshmen have found themselves overwhelmed by the activities of Residence and Orientation Week that they have taken to hiding from living groups.

While some have used the Elsewherelounge to escape, many freshmen have simply stopped signing into their temporary housing, making it difficult for living groups to contact them.

"Rush is hectic, like New York restaurants or Chinatown," said one freshman who said that he would probably not join a fraternity.

Song-Joon Park '97 and Sung-Jun Woo '97 signed out of a fraternity and went to the Student Center to decide where dormitories to visit. "If we join a fraternity, we have to be friendly with all the brothers," Park said, "but in the dorm, we can choose who we want to be friends with."

Many freshmen chose to wander around the Student Center or visit Elsewhere. "Some people just don't like the atmosphere, the pressure, and the stress. Some people just come to relax for a while," said Edward C. Stottwo '96, an Elsewhere staffer.

Break from telephone calls

One freshman said that he went to Elsewhere because fraternity members "have been calling a lot, and I really didn't want to answer today; I'm just taking a break."

"If I walk back to the dorms, I know there are going to be (fraternity) people casing me in," said Peter K. Lee '97. Lee relaxed in Elsewhere before attending the Boston Tour yesterday.

Adam W. Meyerson '97, who also visited Elsewhere, came to MIT "first because of academics and second because of the activities. I did not want to join a fraternity," he said. "I did not want to have a roommate who is a fraternity brother."

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Rush Chairs Think Rush Is Going Well

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Bids from fraternities can be accepted after 8 a.m. this morning, and after a weekend of rushing, most fraternities expect to initiate about as many members as they have in the past.

An informal survey of fraternity rush chairs indicated that the protest outside Phi Beta Epsilon and the uni-fraternity posters hung on campus have had no discernable effect on rush.

"Rush is going great," said Jeffrey K. Ma '94, rush chair at Delta Upsilon. "There are a lot of great freshmen at MIT this year. It's probably the best class I've seen at MIT."

Several of the fraternities surveyed felt that rush was actually going better than it had last year, which the rush chair at Lambda Chi Alpha described as "a drop off."

Alan S. Liu '94, Sigma Alpha Epsilon rush chair, was also pleased with the turnout. "We have a few more people than last year," he said.

Many rush chairs said it was difficult to be precise about whether more or less people had visited their fraternities this year. There was a general sense that fewer people were participating in rush, but more people were interested in joining fraternities, they said.

"We're not getting as many people through as usual, but they are much more interesting," said Daniel J. Dunn '94, rush chair at Alpha Delta Phi. "We like them a lot."

The rush chair at Epsilon Theta, Adrian P. Childs '94, agreed. "I think this was a big change because they are better students than before." Rush, Page 7

R/O Heads Pleased with Events

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At least as busy as this year's incoming students are the upperclassmen who are running Residence and Orientation Week. Heading the committee that planned this year's R/O Week are Chair Crystal K. Reul '94, Personnel and Publicity Manager Ginger J. Hanson '94, and Logistics Manager Ravi Y. Chitaley '95.

In addition to their overall responsibilities, Reul, Hanson, and Chitaley also divided up the different R/O committees.

For example, Hanson worked with the Move-Off Your Dorm Assumptions committee, organizing MOYA leader training sessions, which related to her job as personnel manager. Most of the MOYA leaders were "very excited and very good," she said. "They did a very amazing job this year."

Chitaley, meanwhile, was responsible for overall planning, including arranging audio and video equipment, room reservations, budgeting, and expense accounting. He described his job by saying, "There's the means, and then there's the end. I was one of the people whose job was getting the means to the end."

As overall R/O coordinator, Reul is responsible for helping committees to work well with each other. "Everybody wants to help out to make the entire R/O week to work," she said.

Coordinators call R/O a success

The success of R/O so far was "definitely a combination of the people and the organization," Reul said. "It's a function of experience. We did have more experience on this committee than the last committee."

"For us the biggest thing was getting the information," said Crystal K. Reul '94, Personnel and Publicity Manager. "We did a very interesting job this year."

The coordinators noted the high turnout of freshmen, and that a number of freshmen and international activities were well attended, and Wednesday's Casino Night attracted over 250 students, Chitaley said.

"For the first time ever, the freshmen have fun," Reul said, adding that by Friday, freshmen were already starting to talk to freshmen and upperclassmen they had met at MOYA.

There were about the same number of R/O activities as last year, with the exception of a few more events for transfer students. It was hectic, but "they'd be bored if it weren't," Reul said.

In the process of training R/O counselors to be good resources for students, the coordinators said, "They're doing a great job." Coordinators, Page 7