Almost Every Section of Guide Revised by 18 New Volunteers

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The book, Williams said. After the July meeting, 18 additional people were recruited to work on the guide. Outside help was also solicited — the Campus Police helped review and update the new chapter, for example.

"Many people helped to revise almost all the sections of the book, especially those sections that were most outdated," Williams said. All but one chapter was updated, she said. "We did a lot more in a lot less time than before," Weldon said. About 3,500 pages were printed, according to Advertising Manager Lori A. Weldon '95. The guide sells for $4 from the TCA, and is funded equally by advertising and sales. Free copies are provided to all freshmen.

On-line edition considered

Responding to Williams' initial request, Carl R. Marshman Jr. suggested putting the book on-line using a World Wide Web interface. The World Wide Web is a popular Internet information protocol that enables hypertext documents. An on-line edition can be updated at any time, Manning said, and the publishers can "get feedback on what sections people are interested in."

Matthew K. Gaty '95, a former chairman of the Information Processing Board, offered to "assure that any necessary server side support would be provided" for an on-line edition.

HowTOGAMIT "would have gone online if it couldn't be published," Williams said. "I don't want it published instead, but it might be published in some other form.

One problem with only publishing the book electronically is advertising, Weldon said. Another is that an on-line edition "doesn't offer the flexibility the printed book does," she said.

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busier, according to Mcleary. Both the MacGregor convenience store and the Next House convenience store are set to expand their offerings, Mcleary said. The MacGregor site has expanded its floor space by almost half and will begin offering fresh foods like bread, vegetables, and milk.

While many changes are taking place, Mcleary emphasized that food services must be flexible and prepared to change based on students' desires. "I think we have a pretty good mix for now," Mcleary said, "but eating habits change."

Mcleary encouraged students to give feedback through comment cards or the McCain cafe e-mail address and said that many of the current changes were directly influenced by student requests.

Fresenius are shown a room in Next House during one of the many tours given by dormitories over each weekend.

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