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Dr. Will Keim delivers an emphatic address to freshmen just before the start of rush yesterday afternoon.

## A Confused Class of 1996

By Kevin Frisch

After their first two days on campus, most entering students are enthusiastic and enjoying themselves, although still somewhat confused and disoriented.

Students pointed to Project MOYA (Move Off Your Assumptions) as being particularly successful. The Freshman Evaluation Essay (FEE) was seen as fair, despite the fact that many freshmen complained about having "forgotten how to write" over the summer.

The R/O check-in process, however, was far from popular, and was seen as being inefficient and disorganized. Also, freshmen who were placed in singles complained because they did not have anyone to accompany them to rush events.

The freshmen found their first days on campus confusing and hectic, but all seemed to be looking forward to rush actually starting. "I'm really psyched and confused, but not really sure what's going on,"

said Jacqueline Brener '96. But when asked if she was looking forward to rush, responded with "Definitely!"

Karen Lindemann '96, who seemed rather undaunted by the idea of rush, said, "It's scary. I'm confused [due to] being away from home and my parents." "Confusing," said John and Barbara Hoxter, who were waiting for their son John C. Hoxter '96. "It would be better if they did it second semester. Right now we just want to get something to eat," they added.

Expectations of rush were fairly similar, with freshmen predicting confusion but hoping to overcome it. "I figure it's like a big summer camp-type thing," said Joshua N. Goldberg '96. James C. Tang '96, who plans to rush a fraternity, was expecting "lots of chaos, mayhem, and fun — but you have to still make wise decisions [when] rushing a frat." Mark L. Gottlieb '96 said, "I haven't had time to

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## Large Frosh Class May Crowd Dorms

By Ben Reiss  
STAFF REPORTER

An unexpectedly large freshman class has led to what could be the greatest percentage of crowded rooms in a number of years.

The Provost's office, which receives input from both the housing and financial offices, decided last year to accept a larger than normal sized freshman class, despite the fact that it would cause the housing crunch.

Elizabeth S. Johnson, associate director of admissions for information service and research, said that "the target number of enrolled freshmen given to us by the provost's office originally was 1150." The number, 100 above the usual levels, was later cut down, by request of the admissions office, to 1125. The current number of

enrolled freshman is 1147, which includes the "ten or so students who don't show each year," Johnson said.

James R. Culliton, vice president for financial operations, said that the decision to enroll more students was made two years ago, as a way of generating more revenue for the institute: "The plan was to enroll 50 students more per year, but since nothing was done last year, the number was raised to around 100 this year."

"Everybody had a say... it was not an easy process," Culliton said, adding that the housing office knew the effect the enrollment increase would have on the dormitory situation, and agreed to the new level of students.

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## Upperclassmen Work With Frosh During R/O

By Bill Jackson  
OPINION EDITOR

As part of this year's Residence/Orientation committee, I was a Project MOYA (Move Off Your Assumptions) leader, and I helped train R/O counselors, a group of upperclassmen who volunteered their time to talk to freshmen before rush began.

This year, cynicism about rush as an institution has reached a new high compared to my previous three rush experiences. But my involvement in rush has shown me that there is indeed a positive side to R/O week.

As a Project MOYA leader, I had to spend several hours training over the summer, along with over 60 other members of the MIT community. During the dog days of

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summer, the games and activities seem too silly and too foolish to ever play with 1,150 brilliant freshmen.

But as the day approached and "dress rehearsals" began, MOYA began to take on a life of its own. Enthusiasm built among the leaders as the hour drew closer.

By the time MOYA was about to begin, rumors had spread around Briggs Field among the leaders that this class was "one of the rowdiest in MIT history." A rumor reached

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## Frosh Take Examination To Determine Math Level

By Reuven M. Lerner  
NEWS EDITOR

Nearly all of the approximately 1,200 members of the Class of 1996 took the second annual Math Diagnostic exam yesterday afternoon, a test meant to tell freshmen whether they are prepared to take such basic subjects as Calculus I (18.01) and Physics I (8.01).

The test, which began at 1 p.m., was given in response to increasing complaints from the Department of Physics that students were unprepared for the rigorous math required by first-year physics subjects, said Margaret S. Enders, associate dean for curriculum support in the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Office.

Freshmen were generally positive about the test, but disagreed as to the difficulty of the test. Some students said that they were not

worried at all, and said that the test was fairly easy, while others said that they had not used some of the required formulas in a number of years.

A small number of students were less than pleased with having to take the test. "Since we're all taking calculus," said Julia C. Ogrydziak '96, "I don't know why we have to take this test."

Many freshmen said that while they had only spent a few days or weeks studying for the test, they now had a better grasp of pre-calculus material than would otherwise have been the case. One said that she identified the other MIT freshman on her flight by the fact that he was also studying for the test.

"It's kind of embarrassing — you feel that you've been doing calc

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Freshmen take part in a "trust circle," a MOYA activity Thursday.

MATTHEW H. HERSCH — THE TECH

# WORLD & NATION

## All's Fair in the Air Fare Wars

THE WASHINGTON POST

The nation's airlines are cutting fares — and each other — as one of the fiercest fare wars in the industry's history continues.

It is a fight for passengers in a still-weak economy, a rumble that is causing corporate hemorrhaging.

"We're losing millions. We're bleeding. It's crazy!" said Tim Smith, spokesman for American Airlines.

But consumers are enjoying the carnage.

First came the summer air fare discounts, then the industry offered a fall fare sale for tickets purchased before Aug. 31.

Now the airlines are offering discounts on the fall prices.

Travelers who want to fly round-trip from Washington to Los Angeles this fall, for instance, will pay \$205 on most major airlines if they buy their tickets no later than Monday.

That's 45 percent less than the \$370 "super-saver" price charged for the same trip in April, according to travel industry officials.

The new, lower price is the result of a coupon-rebate battle that erupted this week, when Northwest Airlines Inc. began offering discount coupons in 120 newspapers.

The coupons were good for flights purchased by Aug. 31 for travel between Sept. 6 and Dec. 14.

The coupons knocked \$35 off fares ranging from \$150 to \$249 and chopped \$50 off fares of \$250 or more.

Tickets purchased under the plan are nonrefundable, must be bought 14 days in advance of travel, and require a Saturday night stay.

USAir Group Inc. dismissed the coupon system, and proceeded to give the same \$35 and \$50 discounts without the coupons.

Other major airlines followed USAir in dropping coupons but keeping the coupon-based discounts.

But they also decided to extend the use of the coupon-related discounts through Sept. 4, after the fall discount program ends.

In what they are calling an attempt to return the airline business to pricing sanity, Continental Airlines Holding Corp. officials Friday announced plans to raise round-trip prices by \$10 to \$40 beginning Sept. 5.

The increases, which amount to partial restorations of deeply discounted base fares, will affect most of Continental's U.S. routes.

"We've had heavy, heavy discounting on air fares all summer long, and we expect to see them continue at least through March of 1993," said Tom Parsons, editor of Best Fares Discount Travel magazine, based in Arlington, Tex.

People planning to fly between Sept. 6 and Dec. 14 "should buy by Aug. 31 to get the best fares," Parsons said.

People flying after Dec. 14 should put off buying tickets, he said.

## Japan Adopts \$85 Billion Economic Stimulus Package

LOS ANGELES TIMES

TOKYO

Under pressure to provide a strong jolt to a sluggish economy, the Japanese Cabinet Friday adopted a \$85 billion stimulus package, its largest program of public spending ever.

The package, which includes tax cuts to spur corporate investment, debt relief for banks, and public works spending, was designed to boost domestic demand and restore confidence in an economic system shaken in recent months by plummeting land and stock prices and reports of banks struggling with billions of dollars of bad loans.

The announcement had the immediate impact of giving the lagging stock market another strong kick. Advance news of the package ignited a wave of buying that has driven the Tokyo Stock Market's Nikkei index up by 25 percent over the past 10 days from six-year lows that had put Japan's economic bureaucrats in a sweat. On Friday the key 225-share Nikkei average jumped 415.79 points, or 2.37 percent, to end at 17,970.79, its highest closing level since June 3.

The plan also found favor in Washington where Secretary of the Treasury Nicholas Brady said the package should help the world economy.

"The early implementation of this comprehensive program can make an important contribution to increasing world growth and strengthening economic recovery," Brady said in a written statement. The United States has been pressuring Japan to boost its domestic economy to aid U.S. exports and reduce its trade deficit with Japan.

## WEATHER

### Clearing

By Michael Morgan

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

After a wet and windy Saturday morning, skies across southern New England will clear and the atmosphere will take on a markedly more comfortable feel. Our rain is being caused by the interaction of a cold front and the remnants of Hurricane Andrew which moved onshore from the Gulf of Mexico a few days ago. The front will push through early this afternoon, effectively sweeping away all the "sticky" weather we have experienced in recent days. Lower dew points and sunny blue skies will be the rule for the balance of the next few days.

**This afternoon:** Rain ending then clearing and turning less humid. High around 80°F (27°C). Winds south 10-20 mph (6-12 kph), becoming west-northwest 10-15 mph (6-9 kph).

**Tonight:** Clear, winds diminishing. Low 63°F (17°C).

**Tomorrow:** Mostly sunny and warm. Winds becoming southwest late in the day at 10-15 mph (6-12 kph). High 82°F (28°C). Low 60°F (15°C).

**Monday:** Partly cloudy with a shower possible. High 75-80°F (24-29°C). Low 57°F (13°C).

# U.S. Relief Flights Reach Hunger-Ravished Somalia

By Keith B. Richburg

THE WASHINGTON POST

BELEDWEYNE, SOMALIA

Amid a blinding swirl of sand and a dance of joy, four giant U.S. military cargo planes touched down on a dirt airstrip in this barren Somali town Friday, carrying 34 tons of food and a reservoir of hope for thousands of villagers.

The first C-130 Hercules landed a few minutes before 8 a.m., after a 2.5-hour flight from the Kenyan port of Mombasa, 670 miles south. The plane took 10 minutes to unload beans, rice, cooking oil, spare tires and equipment parts, which were then piled onto a waiting truck by Somali workers.

Andrew Natsios, President Bush's special coordinator for Somali relief efforts, said that even though other areas of this war-ravaged country were in more desperate need of food, the airlift here was important because it will prevent Somali herdsmen from killing their animals — and thus their livelihood — to survive.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has estimated that 1.5 million people in Somalia, where political authority has collapsed amid battles between rival factions, are in danger of starving.

While the plane was being unloaded, some Somalis formed a semicircle and performed a traditional dance of thanks to Brig. Gen. Frank Libutti, the Marine officer commanding Operation Provide Relief.

As part of an agreement worked out between Libutti and the ICRC, no U.S. military personnel were

involved in unloading the food, and the Americans carried no visible weapons. With Somalis doing the hauling, few American servicemen besides the general and his aides set foot in Somalia. The three other planes touched down at intervals of about 30 minutes each.

Returning to Mombasa about three hours later aboard one of the flights, Libutti announced this phase of his operation a success. "So far so good," he said.

Flights are expected to continue daily into Belet Tuen and will be expanded to other, less hospitable sites in Somalia's interior.

Belet Tuen, a southwestern town of about 200,000, is atypical of the rest of Somalia because it is relatively secure, essentially controlled by two armed but neutral Somali clans. The Hawadles run the area of town that includes the airstrip, while the Goan Debe dominate the area on the opposite side of the river that divides Beledweyne.

"Here, the two big clans live together," said Abdi Ali Mohamed, a doctor at the town hospital. "They live on two sides of the city."

Beledweyne has preserved some semblance of social and political order amid the chaos that has gripped the rest of the country. Here, the traditional system of clan elders is still largely intact, and the old provincial governor and the town mayor from the last regime still hold their titles. Both were here Friday to observe the U.S. airlift.

The major security problem here, Somali officials and relief workers said, has been well-armed teen-age looters outside the town

center stealing food.

Because of the relative calm here, the Red Cross had already been supplying the town food through a daily airlift from Mombasa. As a result, Beledweyne is far better off than more isolated towns and villages, such as Baidoba and Bardera in the interior, and Merca and Kismaayo on the coast, where famine is widespread and hundreds — perhaps thousands — of people are thought to be dying daily from starvation and disease.

Here, for example, Somali doctors and foreign volunteers report that they have managed to curb child malnutrition rates that are endemic around the country. A center run by the relief group Save the Children has been feeding about 1,500 children four times each day for almost three months.

"This is the one grain of hope in all of Somalia," said Caroline Brass, a nurse from Virginia working here with the International Medical Corps, a U.S.-funded relief agency.

But U.S. military planners and officials from the U.S. Agency for International Development said it was important to demonstrate quickly that this relief operation could succeed in spite of daunting problems of security and without exposing American soldiers to unnecessary risk.

"We need to show DOD (the Department of Defense) and Washington that our people are not going to be under any threat of violence," said Natsios, who is also an assistant AID administrator. "There is anxiety in Washington and in the military," he said.

# Bush Defends Federal Response To Hurricane Damage in South

By James Gerstenzang

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Seeking to extricate himself from turmoil surrounding relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew, President Bush defended the federal response to the massive storm damage Friday and declared that he would send more help if needed.

"We will commit all federal military resources necessary to help the people in Florida," he said at a hastily called meeting with reporters in the White House Rose Garden.

For Bush, who had intended to go to his seaside home in Maine this weekend for a break from campaigning, the hurricane and the potential political fallout left him scrambling to demonstrate that he was on top of a domestic issue that had grabbed the nation's attention.

The growing dispute also caused gnashing of teeth at campaign headquarters and complaints at the White House about public perceptions that the federal government had not met a heart-rending need when state, local and private agencies failed to get an effective relief program under way.

Natural disasters present political leaders with opportunities to demonstrate concern and marshal resources to assist stricken residents. But those opportunities come with potential traps: Failure to take a leadership role in providing relief can suggest an official is unconcerned or ineffective in the face of human suffering.

On Monday, Bush dashed to Florida, cutting short a campaign

visit to Connecticut. He made a quick tour of the devastation and, in time for television news broadcasts, read a message of concern from note cards hastily prepared by aides. He made a similar trip to Louisiana Wednesday.

But by the end of the week, despite his efforts, complaints had surfaced in Florida.

Bush, who was criticized two years ago for vacationing at the same time he was dispatching troops to the Persian Gulf after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, canceled a weekend visit to Kennebunkport, Maine, and met with Pentagon officials to review their disaster assistance. He then headed for Camp David, Md., with plans to return to the White House Saturday for another meeting — and a likely public report updating the federal effort.

Speaking with reporters, Bush said he would not take part "in the blame game."

"I am satisfied that we responded properly, and I am very confident that the military have conducted their mission so far with beautiful planning and now excellent execution," he said.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the formal request for assistance from the military had not arrived from Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles until 1:45 p.m. Thursday, and that some earlier offers to provide aid, including an active duty battalion on Monday, were turned down.

He said Bush had canceled his Kennebunkport trip, as well as a campaign visit Monday and Tuesday to Washington state,

Oregon and California, to be able to monitor the disaster relief program "because it's the biggest disaster in the history of the country (and) problems are developing that we didn't anticipate."

"Florida is wiped out totally," he said.

Asked why the president found himself on the defensive over the federal response, Fitzwater replied: "It's an election year."

But others suggested the president was "snake-bit" in his efforts to demonstrate concern in the face of such disasters. At the White House and in the Bush-Quayle campaign, there was a feeling that Bush had paid a price for heading quickly to Florida Monday before a formal federal response to the disaster could be drawn up, but also before Democratic challenger Bill Clinton could get there. Clinton has not yet visited the state since the hurricane hit.

The price was that Bush's visit suggested a quick and complete program of assistance from Washington, and, when it had not arrived on a large scale by Thursday, officials in Florida began pointing fingers at the president.

The turn of events complicated the political picture for the Bush re-election team in Florida, where he is considered the favorite to win the state's 25 electoral votes.

Bush Friday touted the extent of the federal effort, rattling off a list of numbers: 400,000 meals from the Pentagon available over three days, 50,000 Army blankets, 100,000 food packages from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

# Administration Moves to Toughen Stance on Iraq

By John Lancaster  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Anticipating that Iraq may continue attacks on Shiite Muslims in southern Iraq, the Bush administration is preparing military options including air strikes and creation of a Shiite "safe haven" modeled after the sanctuary established for the country's minority Kurdish population in the north, officials said Friday.

Administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, described the ban on Iraqi flights imposed by the United States, France and Britain earlier this week as a "first step" in a graduated pressure campaign against Iraqi leader

Saddam Hussein. Their comments contrasted with those of President Bush, who said in announcing the "no fly zone" on Wednesday that its main purpose was to "monitor" Iraqi military activities in the region.

"This is a first step with the aim of deterrence" of Saddam's military activities in the south, said a senior Pentagon official. "But should deterrence fail, we have to look at alternative, additional steps ... There's quite a number of things" that can be done.

Although the officials declined to offer specifics, they said the options included bombing Iraqi military targets — not only in the southern part of the country — and

establishing a more aggressive security zone for the Shiites in which Iraqi military activity of any kind would essentially be banned.

"The north is a model," another Pentagon official said.

The officials said further that they hoped to accomplish what one described as an "ancillary" benefit of weakening Saddam's leadership and perhaps achieve the long-standing goal of encouraging a coup by elements of the Iraqi leader's military. "He's losing pieces of his sovereignty," a senior administration official said.

The officials' willingness to discuss their military plans in more detail reflected in part a desire to counter criticism that the adminis-

tration had not figured out a long-term policy on Iraq now that the short-term goal of grounding Iraqi flights south of the 32nd Parallel has been achieved. A number of analysts and members of Congress have begun to argue for a more aggressive approach to unseating Saddam, including creation of an Iraqi government-in-exile that could be provided with arms and money.

For now, Saddam has opted not to challenge the ban, which is being enforced by U.S., British and French fighters and being monitored by U.S. and Saudi Airborne Warning and Control System radar planes flying from Saudi Arabia.

Pentagon spokesman Bob Hall said at a news briefing Friday that

coalition aircraft had dropped leaflets warning the Iraqis of the consequences if they sent planes aloft to challenge the ban or turned on air defense radars to direct surface-to-air missiles.

Coalition forces logged 72 flights without incident in the 24 hours after the ban went into effect at 10:15 a.m. EDT Thursday, Pentagon officials said.

Administration and Pentagon officials acknowledged Friday that the strategy poses risks for the Bush administration, especially if Saddam opts to challenge the coalition partners by mounting ground attacks against Shiite rebels and villages with artillery, tanks and the estimated 60,000 Iraqi troops in the region.

# Effectiveness of Future Yugoslavia Talks Uncertain

By Eugene Robinson  
THE WASHINGTON POST

LONDON

When new talks aimed at ending the carnage in the former Yugoslavia begin next week in Geneva, whether anyone at the negotiating table will actually have the power to stop the fighting is unclear, mediators in charge of the talks acknowledged Friday.

Cyrus R. Vance, the special United Nations representative charged with ending the five-month-old civil war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, said he was not sure that any of the parties expected in Geneva next Thursday can deliver on promises to rein in the Bosnian Serb forces holding the capital, Sarajevo, and other Bosnian cities under siege. The Serbs have been fighting Bosnia's declared independence, mainly targeting the republic's Slavic Muslim population.

Radovan Karadzic, nominal leader of the Bosnian Serbs, has agreed to go to Geneva. But Vance said he does not know whether Karadzic "has the strength to carry out the commitments" he made during an international conference on Yugoslavia held here this week.

Milan Panic, prime minister of the rump Yugoslav federation that comprises Serbia and its ally, Montenegro, also made a number of conciliatory promises, but Vance said that he too may lack the authority to bring the Serb irregulars in Bosnia under control.

And Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, the man most of the officials gathered here blamed for the Serb aggression in Bosnia and other parts of the former Yugoslav federation, is not even scheduled to attend next week's session.

"We will just have to watch and see," said Vance, who will be co-

chairman of the Geneva talks with Lord David Owen, a former British foreign secretary named as the European Community's mediator in the Balkan conflict. The two chairmen said the next round of talks will remain in almost continuous session until an agreement is reached.

In the wake of the London conference, representatives from the United Nations and the EC spent much of Friday patting themselves on the back for what they called the unprecedented agreements reached this week.

The warring factions — Bosnian Serbs, Slavic Muslims and Croats — all agreed, in principle, to shut down detention camps, allow the distribution of humanitarian aid and let refugees return to their homes. Karadzic specifically pledged that the Bosnian Serbs would withdraw from some of the lands they hold and put their heavy weapons under

U.N. supervision. Serb forces now control 70 percent of Bosnian territory.

But similar promises have been made, and broken, time and time again. Even as the accords reached here were still warm from the photocopying machines, the beleaguered residents of Sarajevo surveyed the rubble left by some of the worst shelling of the war.

Asked by reporters Thursday whether he intended to order a halt to the siege of Sarajevo, Karadzic denied that a siege was taking place.

"We do not conduct sieges," he said. "We defend our territory."

He and other Serbs here gave differing answers to the question of who was in charge. Sometimes Karadzic claimed the ability to bring the Bosnian Serb forces to heel, and other times he indicated that events were beyond his control.

Milosevic kept as low a profile

here as possible, although British Prime Minister John Major, who chaired the closed-door negotiating sessions, singled him out several times by asking him point-blank whether he supported the principles approved here as guidelines for seeking a settlement.

Milosevic answered that he did support the principles, which include the concept that territorial gains achieved by force will not be recognized.

There appeared to be friction between Milosevic, the ardent nationalist seeking to build a Greater Serbia, and Panic, the American businessman called back to his homeland to take over as prime minister of a state no one recognizes.

In contrast to the taciturn Milosevic, Panic issued a flurry of position papers and press releases aimed at portraying himself as the

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## In World of Politics, Advertising Has a Place

Column by Matthew H. Hersch  
*OPINION EDITOR*

I've been walking around campus wearing a "Bill Clinton for President" shirt quite a lot lately. Sometimes I get strange looks, but most of the time, if anyone notices it at all, they respond positively, saying they support the candidate as well.

That surprised me at first. I had expected people to react with a certain amount of disdain, as if I had let myself become a walking billboard for the Democratic party. I later discovered that it was only I who, quite wrongly, felt that way.

I had wanted a Bill Clinton shirt for a while. I support the Clinton-Gore ticket in '92, and I had made my political leanings pretty clear in my late-night public orations and columns. After writing columns, wearing a political shirt seemed be part of a natural progression.

It wasn't, at first. It was awkward. I don't like to go to protests and demonstrations. I don't belong to a political party. I never liked to get involved in any kind of political movement in which I allowed myself to conform perfectly with a horde. It's not that

I liked to stand out — It just never seemed proper as a journalist, and I never wanted to surrender my individuality to a single idea.

Even if I supported the same issue, say, as a group of protesters, I could never be "one of them." They could never have all the same motivations I did — they could never feel exactly the same "way" I could, and I could never allow myself to stand and be counted with them, not knowing what they all believed.

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Instead of making me feel secure, political consensus spooked me, and still does. And the demonstrations and rallies it ignited always seemed pointless — I do not believe that aggressive "in your face" protesting tactics and mob demonstrations can change more minds than effective editorial journalism.

Wearing a Clinton shirt, compressing all of my political stands into one simplified expression of support, seemed contrary to everything I believed in.

But I got over that, yesterday, when a citizen stopped me in a stairwell and remarked about how happy she was to see that she was

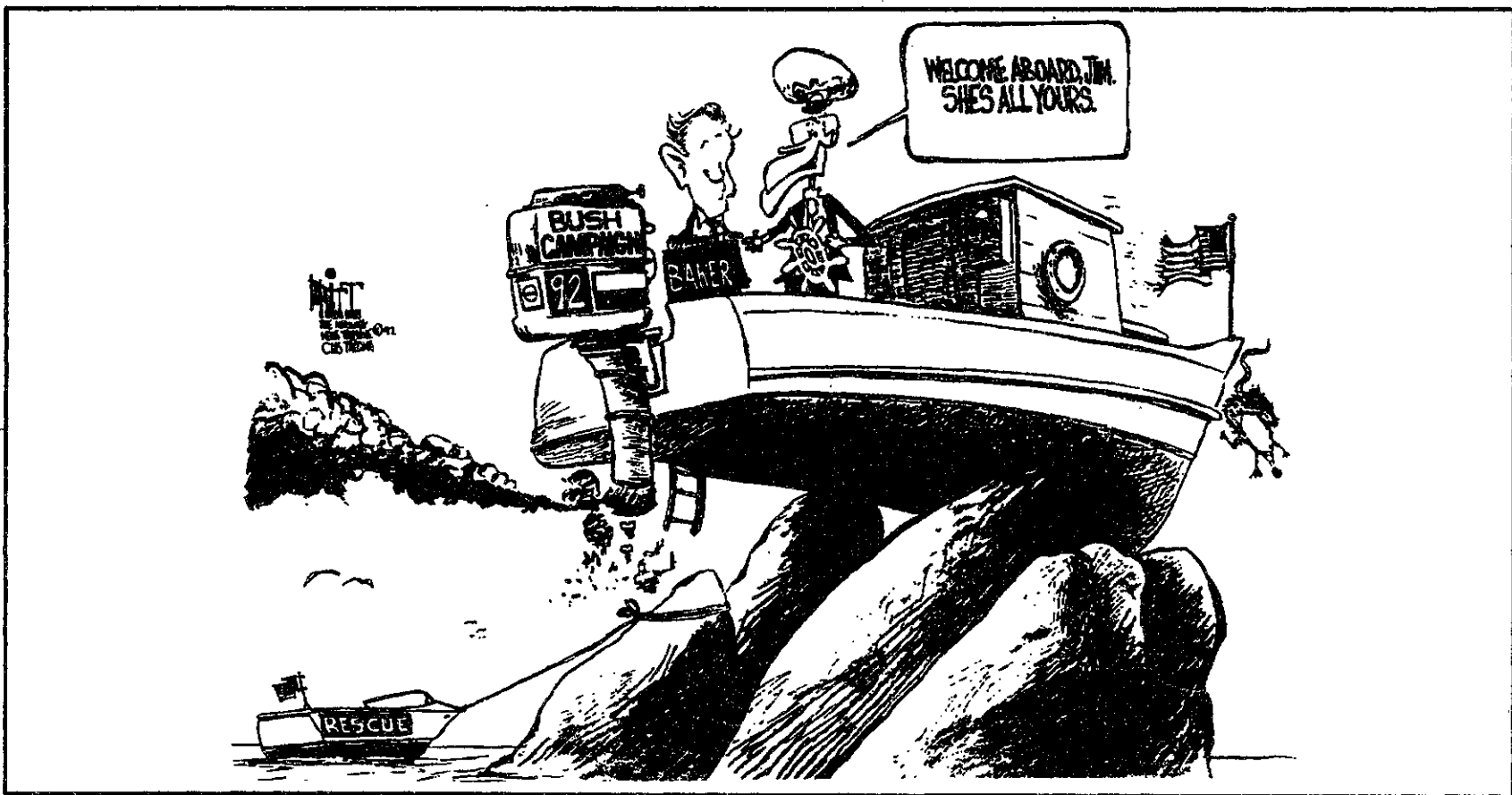
not alone in supporting Clinton-Gore.

And then it hit me. This act of political consensus did serve a purpose. It let other lukewarm Clinton supporters people know that they were not alone, that others supported him as well, and that because of this Clinton did indeed have a chance to win.

Wearing a shirt, displaying a banner, or attending a rally does have a place in politics — such acts of consensus help a political belief gain credibility. This is their role. When an idea has achieved this credibility, signs and banners lose their importance, and lose their honorable character — standing more as a selfish sign of pride for supporters than a beacon to attract others.

I would like to see Clinton and Gore taken seriously. That is my goal, and that is why I wear the shirt. My Bill Clinton shirt probably won't change the minds of any Bush supporters, but it and others like it may help convince others that Clinton is respected enough that even a cynical college kid would wear a shirt with his face on it.

I still won't join the Democratic party, I will not go to demonstrations, and I will never declare unflinching loyalty to any candidate's political philosophy, but I will wear my Bill Clinton shirt with pride.



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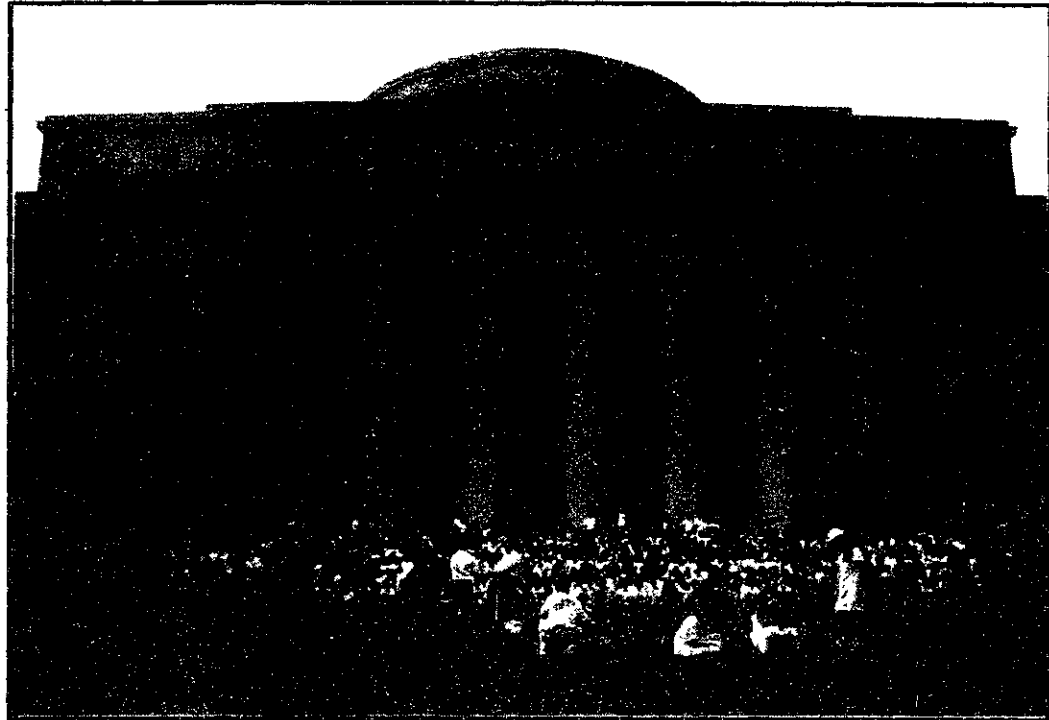
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The afternoon began with the freshman picture (*upper left*) after which the assembled group of freshmen and upper-classmen waited patiently for the speeches to begin (*above and left*). While the speeches provided a distraction, Neal Dorow, Advisor to Fraternities and Independent Living Groups, directed traffic (*below*) for the erecting of the ILG's billboards. "Let the Rush begin," bellowed IFC Rush Chair Karl L. Yen '93, and the advertising for freshmen began with the lifting of the billboards (*upper and lower right*) and the passing out of flyers (*lower left*).



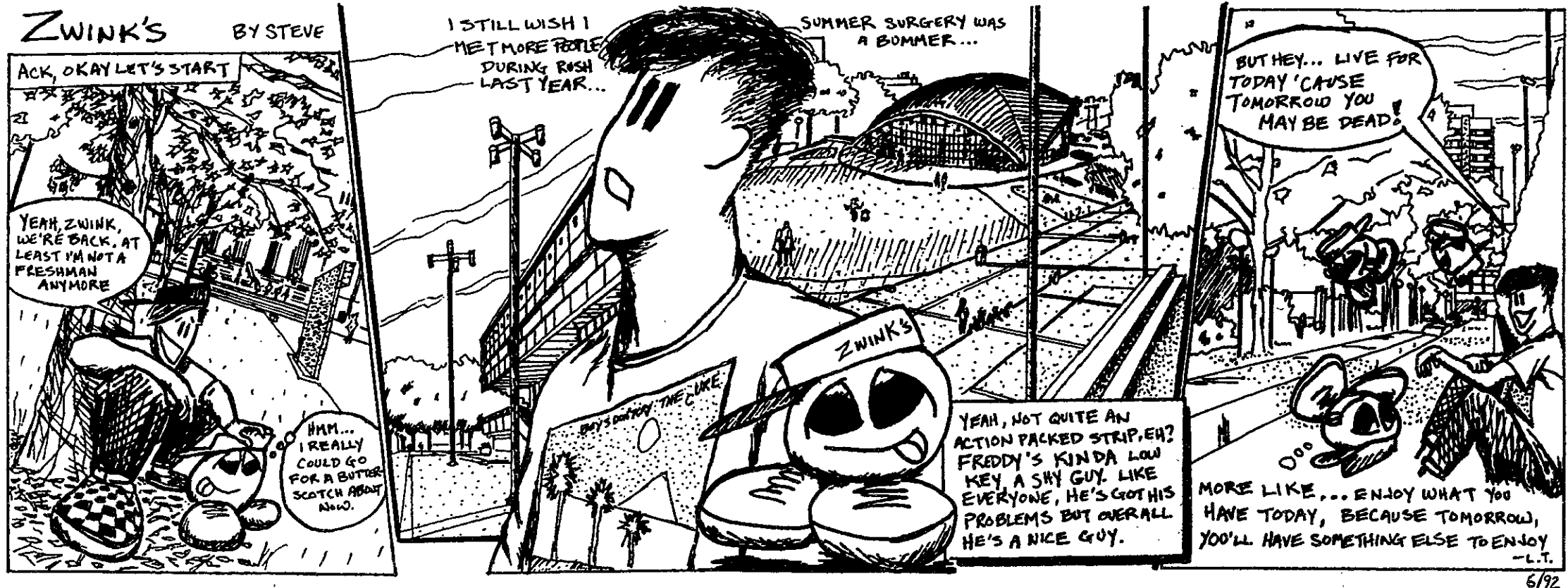
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## Trinity's *Lend Me a Tenor* offers lightweight laughs

### LEND ME A TENOR

Written by Ken Ludwig.  
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Starring Jonathan Fried and Keith Jochim.  
At Trinity Repertory Theatre.  
Through Sept. 13.

By Chris Roberge  
ARTS EDITOR

For those who consider lighthearted laughs and a noticeable lack of depth traits that "quality" theater should avoid at all costs, the current production of *Lend Me a Tenor* at the Trinity Repertory Theatre in Providence, R.I., would probably be a performance best avoided. But for those whose tastes are not restrained by such foolish prejudices, this Tony-nominated comedy by Ken Ludwig features enough inopportune mishaps, mistaken identities, and misplaced corpses to keep all but the most finicky audiences entertained. Thanks mainly to a nearly perfect cast and crew under the direction of Ken Ludwig, Trinity Rep manages to squeeze a remarkable amount of energy and humor out of the very funny, if a bit slight, play.

The plot of *Lend Me a Tenor* revolves around the attempts of the Cleveland Opera Guild in 1934 to survive a production of Verdi's *Otello* which will be highlighted by the appearance of the world-renowned tenor, Tito Merelli (Keith Jochim). Many of the people involved with the company, such as the ingenuous Maggie (Patricia Dunnock), eagerly await the arrival of the man they idolize. Others, including Maggie's boyfriend Max (Jonathan Fried), are skeptical of Tito's worthiness of this praise. Saunders (Timothy Crowe), Maggie's father and the company's producer, wouldn't dream of questioning Tito's artistic worth while he sees the oppor-

tunity to translate it into enormous wealth. And one of the local talents, Diana (Margo Skinner), sees Tito as a vulnerable tool to use in getting to more glamorous cities than Cleveland.

The cast of *Lend Me a Tenor* is uniformly excellent, as all of the actors give performances that would be in danger of seeming exaggerated in other plays, but are comic treasures here. In the leading role of Max, Fried is extremely likable as he provides a convincingly clumsy outward appearance while always hinting at the exuberance and enthusiasm that the character later proves capable of. Dunnock's Maggie is wonderfully funny with her wide-eyed naivety and determined desire to have a few "flings" rather than to settle for the apparently mundane Max. Timothy Crowe does the flashiest job of the players, and turns the hilariously single-minded Saunders into the most audience-pleasing character. His Saunders is a man who sees any interference with his precious production, including unforeseen fatalities, as nothing more than cruel attacks on his potential financial boon. And Keith Jochim, who has returned to the United States from Japan to play the role of the opera star whom Saunders refers to as "Il Stupendo," taps into all of the humorous fears and foibles of the tenor. Justifiably terrified by the string of unexpected events that befall him in the strange world of Cleveland, his Tito is very fun to empathize with and laugh at.

The hyperbolic turns by the performers are echoed by the equally overstated sets and costumes designed for the play. William Lane's costuming provides a good deal of humor to the visually stylish production. Tito's strong-willed wife Maria (Phyllis Kay) is dressed in a gaudy outfit that looks like something rejected for a production of *Carmen*. Another opera staff member, Julia (Barbara Orson), is

decked out in what, as another character notes, looks quite literally like the Chrysler Building.

The two-room hotel apartment that makes up the exceptionally big set designed by Robert D. Soule is a bright and glaring art deco showcase that does a great job of providing a large enough space to confine the exaggerated acting it holds. Unquestionably, the most significant features of the set are the numerous closets and doorways which are hurriedly opened and slammed shut an uncountable number of times over the course of the two-hour play as the characters hide from and chase one another.

The lightweight tone of *Lend Me a Tenor* is undoubtedly meant to parallel that of comic operas. As in many of those musical works, each of the characters is introduced as having some type of untapped potential that he or she realizes after a series of bizarre encounters. But, fortunately, director Giordano never pushes this point, and at many times allows the play to mock itself and its characters' trials. Instead, the frenetic pace and over-the-top performances of Trinity's production are the qualities pushed to the forefront, making the very funny *Lend Me a Tenor* extremely entertaining.



Maggie (Patricia Dunnock) describes her admiration for tenor Tito Merelli to her boyfriend Max (Jonathan Fried).

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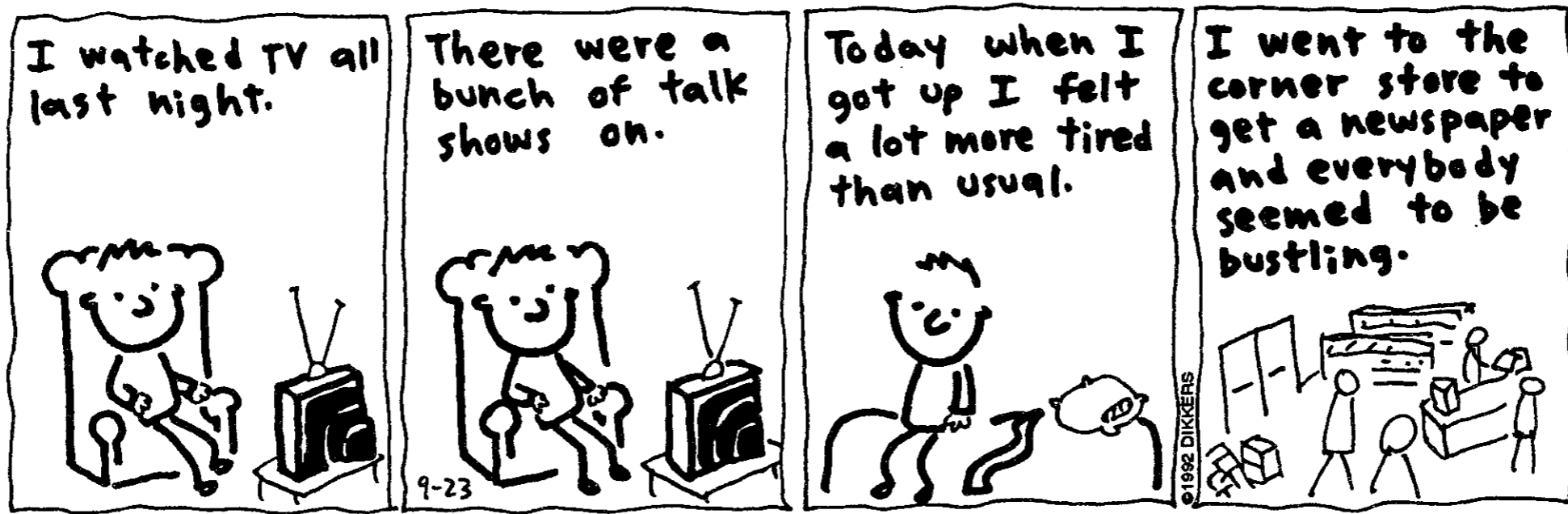
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Frisbee on Briggs Field

4:00-6:00

Basketball at Dupont Gym

6:00

Steak and Lobster Dinner

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# Larger Freshman Class Means More Dorm Crowding

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"The situation is slightly exacerbated", added Culliton, "by the higher than expected yield [of accepted freshman choosing to matriculate] this year," noting that the unpredictable number of transfer students might also be a contributing factor to the glut.

"We can fit everybody, we've got the beds," said Elliot S. Levitt '89, staff associate for residence programs. "We're into contingency plans already at this point."

Nearly 80 percent of freshman living in dormitories will be assigned to crowded rooms, according to the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs.

According to the *Undergraduate Residence Life Handbook*, a room is

considered crowded if two students are assigned to what is usually a large single, or three to a large double. Crowded students pay less for their room than they would for normal accommodations.

Approximately 40 percent of each freshman class usually choose to live in a fraternity or an independent living group. If this year's freshmen rush at the normal rate, more than the usual number will be placed in crowded rooms.

But Levitt said that the prospect of a crowded room assignment is not a sufficient reason to rush: "I don't want to force anyone into an ILG just because of crowding."

Crowding "could be a part of a freshman's decision of where to live. Chances are that a good number will be unhappy being [assigned

to] crowded rooms."

Levitt added, "I wouldn't be surprised if some people like the crowded rooms." Some "really friendly" students might find the cramped conditions favorable, as well as those students looking to pay less for a dorm room, he said.

"If this fact will influence their [freshmen's] decision, then it is important that we underline it and emphasize it to them. We are providing them with the information they need to make an educated decision."

Most students seemed not to mind the crowding too much and many said that it would not affect their decision of whether to rush. "I'll deal with it," said Eric Seelig '96, adding that "its who you live

with, not how you live." Erika Jonitz '96 also said that the threat of crowding would not cause her to lean one way or the other.

On the other hand, Andy Katz '96 said that "I was going to rush anyway, but this [the crowding] strengthens my decision to do so."

Levitt did say that the housing office is encouraging freshmen to

participate in rush during this Residence/Orientation Week: "We've really pushed it this year." The encouragement stems not from the need to alleviate the housing crunch, but rather, stresses Levitt, a desire to have freshmen "find out about what that part of campus life is like."

## MOYA, Counseling Help R/O Succeed

MOYA, from Page 1

me, one I could not believe, that some freshmen had commented on President Charles M. Vest's *deirre* when he turned to perform a trust fall.

And as the freshmen streamed onto the field, we knew MOYA was going to work as well or better than it had the year before. Faculty, staff, and students were all working to create a positive first experience for the Class of '96. Bonds were formed among freshmen, who were still kidding with each other the next day about jokes and problems which had come up during the event.

In addition, the leaders gained confidence in themselves, and as the sun set and the entire Class of '96 performed a "lap sit" around Briggs Field, the success brought on a huge — and genuine — cheer from everyone involved.

This doesn't happen, at least on this scale, at any other college or university.

Then yesterday, these same groups of incoming students met with the R/O counselors. As the committee member responsible for these meetings, I went around to

observe different groups. What I saw was amazing.

One group had bought pizza for their freshmen. Another had milk and cookies. Some had written important information on the board, in some cases information that I had never thought of providing to freshmen. Some had invented games for their freshmen, like the group that had each frosh responsible for introducing the frosh next to them, after a short conversation. Other games were simpler — I saw one group on Killian Court playing Duck-Duck-Goose.

The training had called for nothing more than a very plain, very simple introduction to rush and MIT in general. However, for the most part upperclassmen gave far more than they were asked to give, and doled out a lot of common sense and good advice.

R/O is far from a perfect process. But there are moments when MIT does far better at welcoming its freshmen than any other college. It's the level of caring, of upperclassmen sympathizing with and wanting to help first year students, that makes these moments happen.

## Freshmen Take Math Examination

Test, from Page 1

for all three years, and you forget everything," said Connie Baik '96.

This year, the administration decided to move the diagnostic test to the first full day of Residence/Orientation Week, rather than at the end. Students generally felt that this was a good idea, with many saying that it was "better to get the test over with right away."

Hybrid grading scale

The test, which is divided into a number of sections, contains 20 questions covering geometry, trigonometry, and pre-calculus, according to Sy David Friedman, professor of mathematics and a coordinator of the test. Students will receive partial credit for their answers, he added.

Whether a student passes will depend on a combination of the class average and a minimum level

of aptitude that the organizers feel students need in order to understand physics.

"It would be senseless to set a cutoff without having seen the scores," Friedman said. "On the other hand, we don't want to set a passing grade to allow students to go on when they might fail."

Those whose scores are below the cutoff will have the chance to take a makeup test on Registration Day. Students who also do poorly on this test will be strongly encouraged to take a new version of Physics I, 8.01L, which allows more time for students to learn the basics of calculus before working with the actual physics.

In contrast with last year's diagnostic test, the results of which were never announced, this year's freshman class can expect to learn not only the cutoff point, but their score and a recommended list of subjects based on the student's apparent apti-

tude.

Confusion over significance

In a telephone interview yesterday, Enders said that the administration had never planned to use the diagnostic as anything other than a guide for advisors.

She was quite surprised to find out that a flyer distributed to R/O counselors at a meeting last week included the sentence, "Frosh will need to do well on the Math Diagnostic in order to take 8.01." A draft version of the flyer had said that freshmen who do poorly on the test would not be allowed to take 18.01.

Enders denied that either of these cases had ever been under consideration. "There is absolutely no prohibition against anything," she said. Students "can all take 18.03 if they want," even if they have done poorly on the diagnostic, Enders added.

## Frosh Are in a State of Confusion

Confusion, from Page 1

think about anything. I hope I'll make a good choice, but I don't even know what that is."

MOYA Successful

The freshman reaction to Project MOYA, a rush program introduced last year to acquaint the freshmen with one another, was overwhelmingly positive. "I liked it because you're forced to meet new people," said John Lee '96. Karen Greig '96 said, "It was a good experience. Most places don't give freshmen the chance to get to know each other that way." When asked if the program should stay, Christine Hau '96 responded enthusiastically that MOYA "was a good idea — they should continue to have it!"

MOYA "gave us bonds — we didn't cut on each other, we cut on MOYA instead," said Surekha Vajihala '96, adding that "grouping by the elements [of the periodic table] was one of those things that give MIT a bad name. It did make for an unusual overheard pickup line, though. 'Hey, are you Potassium? I'm Potassium too!'"

The few dissensions were scattered. "It got long," said Aaron P. Riechr '96. "I wanted to go eat already." Some also commented that a few of the group leaders were too insistent upon sticking with the rules.

In a change this year, the Freshman Evaluation Essay was mandatory for all incoming students who had not placed out of Phase I of the Writing Requirement. Freshmen had two options for the first question. Option one asked them to "Describe an incident where there was a misunderstanding or miscommunication between you and someone of the opposite gender. What was the nature of the misunderstanding? What did you learn from it?" Freshmen could also choose to write an essay answering the ques-

tion "What are your fears in coming to MIT? Describe an incident in your previous dealings with MIT or in your experience since you have been here that has confirmed or refuted your assumptions about why MIT might be a scary place."

The second essay question asked the freshmen to "Write an essay arguing for or against age restrictions or other limitations to control or prohibit the use of alcohol. Your essay should offer arguments and evidence appropriate to your audience, college-educated individuals in their twenties and thirties."

Freshman reaction to the essay was focused largely on complaints about being out of writing practice. "Good questions — I just hadn't written an essay in three months," commented W. Pane Hadden '96. "It's been four months since we last wrote, so it didn't come too naturally," added Christine Hau '96.

The questions themselves drew a mixed, though generally favorable, reaction. "It was so corny it was fun," said Melissa Santory '96, taking the more optimistic view. The questions "made us focus on things

that are important at MIT" said Surekha Vajihala '96, commenting on the alcohol essay.

Assistant Dean Les C. Perelman, coordinator of the Writing Requirement, said in defense of the questions that "devising a question that all can relate to is a daunting task. We develop very interesting questions that two-thirds of the freshmen would love, but one-third would have no clue on."

As far as both the essay and math test being on the same day, freshman Carrie Muh felt it was "good to get them both over with on the same day." "Sure, and stick the swimming test in between," added Paul S. Cha '96 sarcastically.

Several students who were assigned to singles felt it was harder for them to get involved with the activities. "I was in a single room, and didn't really get to know people for a while," said Aaron P. Reicher '96. "Temporarily housing freshmen in singles is a problem. You don't get to know anyone." Sympathetic classmate Alexis Farel '96 added, "A friend of mine was all alone on her floor."

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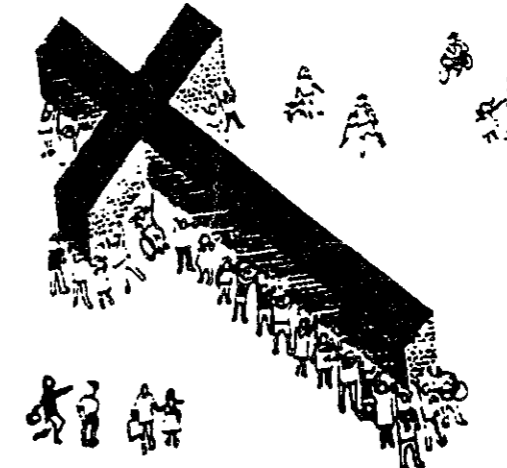
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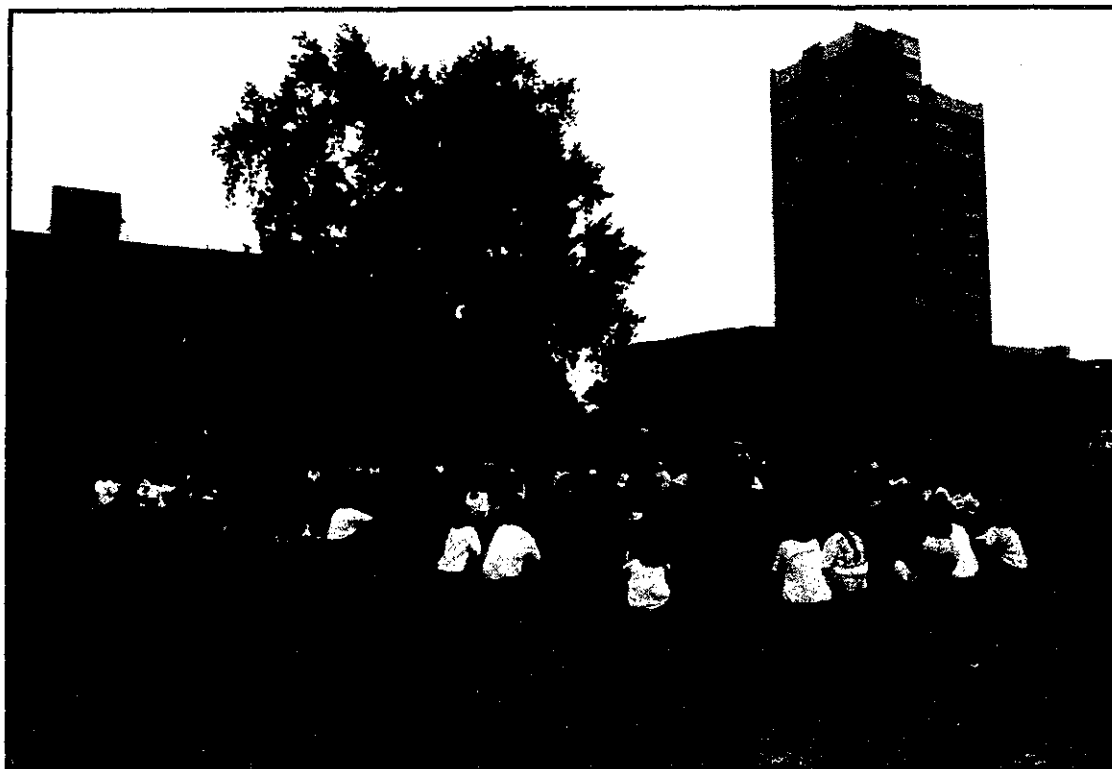
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# Freshmen Enjoy Project MOYA

Photos by Matthew H. Hersch

Freshmen meet their Moya leaders and each other on the athletic fields Thursday (right).



President Charles M. Vest watches Freshmen take part in the Can-Can, one of Thursday's MOYA Activities (left). The Project, run by members of the MIT community, tried to bring the class together and help them have fun at the same time. Other activities included the Trust Fall (below-left), a game that combined group dynamics with just a little bit of danger. Freshmen stretched their limbs before the games (below).



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 6:30p: **ΑΔΦ**. Mama mia! Pizzeria! Ferrari! Eh, wassamatta you? You no come to the Italian Night, youse a-missin' out! Feast-a you eyes upon calzone, lasagne, linguini, Musolini, and other Italian favorites. Call 5-YOU-NO-LIKA-WE-BREAKA-YOU-FACE (576-2792)\*\*  
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 6:30p: **Senior House**. Rush has begun. SENIOR HOUSE will proudly drop its SPORT DEATH banner in celebration. Come see.\*  
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 6:30p: **pika**. pizza pizza barbarbar. head head head. eat food. get it?\*
 6:31p: **Next House. MOVIES, MUSIC, MORE!** We've got movies in the TFL ... music in the Courtyard ... board games, card games, and the volleyball net are set up ... and all of it, running *All Day, All Through Rush*, at Next House!\*
 6:31p: **MacGregor**. You have seen people walking around with cotton candy from MacGregor all afternoon, come get some for yourself.\*  
 6:32p: **MacGregor**. Even if the Cotton Candy and the Wings are gone, the BBQ is still going on.\*  
 6:33p: **Fenway House**. Join us in the first ever Fenway House car drop. We're dropping a VW Bug off the roof! It'll be smashed into 437-1043 itty bitty pieces.\*  
 6:45p: **Burton-Conner**. South of the Border Fiesta. Come one, come all to the Mexican Food Fiesta at Burton where nachos, tacos, and burritos are calling YOU!\*
 7:00p: **La Maison Française**. Samedi soir, soiree cinema ... mais cinema francaise biensur!!! Dans notre salon, New House 6, Sieme etage.\*  
 7:00p: **Epsilon Theta. MOVIE NIGHT!!** Should we rent "Star Wars," "Monty Python," "The Princess Bride"...? Help us decide. Call 3-8888 for a ride.\*  
 7:00p: **Burton-Conner**. Do you want adventure, comedy, drama, and all-around fun... Then come to Burton's Video Marathon. Running from 8am-2am throughout the rest of rush.\*  
 7:00p: **fiji**. Fiji is taking a cruise of Boston Harbor from 8-11. We will be getting to the boat by a bus that will be leaving at 7:00.\*  
 7:00p: **Russian House**. In Russian House the party finds you. Come enjoy non-toxic refreshments, the evening view from our terrace and the company of "comrades" at our cocktail party.\*  
 7:00p: **German House**. Stop by German House; we have the perfect antidote to the hectic busyness of rush - Mellowheit!\*
 7:00p: **pika**. Make a pagoda with Anne. (Actually, you'll be making a pagoda with cardboard, and Anne will be helping.)  
 Call for a ride. A flying chariot bar will swoop down and bring you here. It's voice activated at 492-6983.\*  
 7:00p: **McCormick**. For the Italian in you-Come to McCormick's great pasta fest! The pasta runs out fast, so hurry!\*
 7:01p: **German House**. Besuche Deutsches Haus! Hier geniessen wir unsere besondere Lebensart: Mellowheit!\*
 7:02p: **Senior House. DARE DEVIL STUNTS WITH TED BALTZ** Come see Ted Baltz face danger as he turns himself into a human yo-yo.\*  
 7:15p: **Senior House. TIRE SWINGING LESSONS** Famous author and MIT graduate Pepper White said that the SENIOR HOUSE tire swing resembled "a tether ball with an on board microprocessor." Come and learn the truth of this.\*  
 7:17p: **Fenway House. TIE-DYING** continues! We've still got shirts, we've still got dyes, and now we've got lots of wet newspaper. 437-1043\*  
 7:17p: **Random Hall**. Robert's famous spaghetti sauce. Come for a great SPAGHETTI DINNER. Vegetarians very welcome.\*  
 7:22p: **TEΦ**. The Middle Ages - when wearing "protection" meant 60 pounds of metal. Revel with Kings, Queens, and Fools (or are those brothers?) as TEP's Medieval Feast continues.\*\*  
 7:30p: **Senior House. VOODOO NIGHT** Angel Heart, the movie. Hot, steaming gumbo. Loud Louisiana jazz. Zombies. Idols. Come see.\*  
 7:30p: **Phi Sig. PHI SIG**. Come see Greyhound racing at its finest. Join Phi Sigs as they travel to the Wonderland track and place their bets.  
 7:30p: **ΦΚΣ**. Pit your putting skills against the putting Skulls. Call 536-3683 for a ride.\*\*  
 7:31p: **ΦΚΣ**. An hour of gut-busting laughs at "Catch a Rising Star" Cambridge's premiere comedy club.\*\*  
 7:32p: **ΦΚΣ**. Are you PHI KAPS susceptible to SKULLHOUSE subliminal messages? If so PHI KAPS, join the SKULLHOUSE gullible dudes PHI KAPS Ira, Mike SKULLHOUSE and Zak PHI KAPS for a SKULLHOUSE trip to PHI KAPS Faneuil Hall.  
 7:55p: **pika**. Jenn makes great faces after eating sour candies. Come watch! Make some dopey faces yourself! whee! Soumobile: 492-6983\*  
 8:00p: **ZBT. ZBTahiti Party**. Featuring "ONE PEOPLE" - THE BEST REGGAE BAND IN NEW ENGLAND - live at ZBT! See the tropics recreated - we'll be partying, sipping cool tropical mock-tails, and just having a great time.\*\*  
 8:00p: **ΔKE**. Professional Hypnotist in our living room!!! Get Hypnotized by WORLD FAMOUS HYPNOTIST David Pendleton. Watch us do stupid things we would never dream of doing otherwise, and join us! Call 494-8683 for a ride.\*\*

8:00p: **ΑΔΦ**. While you're wiping sauce from your face, enjoy the butt-shakin' neighbor-wakin' music of - not Menudo, not the Culture Club, not even the BeeGees - but an up-and-coming Boston band so new you'll be amazed. P.S. We're taking auditions now. Call 5-BYO-SAX (576-2792)\*\*  
 8:00p: **Phi Sig. PHI SIG**. Take a stroll through bustling Kenmore Square and join the brothers in some New England style entertainment, featuring candlepin bowling and video games.  
 8:00p: **WILG**. Join the women of WILG in an evening of entertainment provided by comedienne Julie Barr and Jennifer Hoag. Need a ride? call us at 253-6799 or 354-1263...  
 8:00p: **Phi Beta. ROOFDECK PARTY** Dance under the stars to the tunes of professional DJ's.\*  
 8:00p: **Chi Phi**. If you play any instruments: piano, guitar, the kazoo, or just like to watch ten people try to make music, then come over to the Chi Phi Jam Session.\*\*  
 8:00p: **Student House**. Night time walking tour of Boston, beginning with a trip to the top of the Prudential tower. The skyline is incredible, as is our company and the other sites on the tour.\*  
 8:01p: **pika**. lim (x->0) (chocolate chips + butter + flour + power tools\*(x) + sugar + cyanide\*(x) + Cashman + you + pirates\*(x)) = cookies. Mange mes biscuits (bis-kee) a la telephone 492-6983\*  
 8:02p: **pika**. Look, if you keep eating the batter, we'll have no cookies. So stop it Cashman, or we'll have to set the pirates on you. Yo hoho. get it?\*
 8:03p: **pika**. eat the cookies. burn your mouth. do a dance. fall in love. save the world. 492-6983\*  
 8:04p: **pika**. If you STILL don't get it, we want you to come over and help bake cookies. Got it? good. 492-6983\*  
 8:06p: **Number Six**. Monte Carlo Night - Spend the evening in decadence by throwing away (imaginary) money on the wheel. You may receive a CD.\*  
 8:17p: **Random Hall**. The SPACE MOVIE SERIES begins-under the stars! Come watch Star Wars ON OUR ROOFDECK. Complete with popcorn and milkshakes.\*  
 8:22p: **TEΦ**. Come visit TEP's (somewhat) Medieval Carnival! With games, prizes, and activities ranging from juggling to Krispie snarfing, everybody should be entertained. 262-5090 for rides.\*\*  
 8:30p: **ΦΚΘ. DAIQUIRIS-Reason #55** to visit: The Phi Kaps' new bar overfloweth with daiquiries and other creative drinks (we'll take requests). Pool players can also test their skills in a tournament against our IM-finalist pool team.\*\*  
 8:30p: **ΘΕ. Casino Party!** Pace your bets on the Roulette wheel or take your chances with some real blackjack sharks! The more you win the better your chances when we raffle off a portable CD player at the end of the night.\*\*  
 8:30p: **Sigma Chi**. Rush tiring you out? Relax with the brothers of Sigma Chi in our library as we watch live comedians entertain us.  
 8:58p: **Fenway House**. Do you waltz? Would you like to learn? Everyone from beginners to experts is heartily invited to a good time. We'll waltz in Lobby 7, across from the student center, so come to Fenway or meet us there at 9:29. 437-1043\*  
 8:59p: **Spanish House**. Tired of going around in circles? Direct your steps to La Casa for two hours of adventure, drama, or comedy at our Movie Night.\*  
 9:00p: **Delta Upsilon**. Sunsplash Reggae Party! Come listen to the Shakers, one of Boston's finest reggae bands, playa UB40, Ziggy Marley and many other favorites. All are welcome.\*  
 9:00p: **Nu Delta**. Come try your luck at blackjack or whatever your favorite game might be at Travis's Gambling Extravaganza.\*  
 9:00p: **Next House. Nth ANNUAL SEMI-FORMAL BEACH PARTY**: A Next House Rush tradition! Music & Dance & Ever-Friendly Next House Residents in the Tastefully Furnished Lounge. Shorts and tie encouraged!\*
 9:00p: **Russian House**. "The Russians are coming!" The Russians are coming! Join the Russian House invasion of the New House party. Prime directive: to have fun and to dance.\*  
 9:00p: **New House**. Come Party Under the Stars at New House! We will be having a great selection of dance music, featuring all major American styles, and many international ones as well! You can dance to old favorites, and maybe hear some new favorites too! On the Terraces of New House III.\*  
 9:00p: **pika**. Omelette + greenhouse = cookies + fluorescent crayons in a black light room = eating good food in cool places = get it?! neither did rif. 492-6983\*  
 9:01p: **Next House. BEDTIME STORIES WITH DAVE**: Join Pooh, Piglet, and Eeyore as we visit the Hundred Acre Wood. Milk, Cookies, and Cocoa will be served. Bring your own fuzzy slippers.\*  
 9:17p: **Random Hall**. A SHORT ROLE-PLAYING GAME begins-not more than three hours. Come and play!\*
 9:18p: **AEPI**. Prepare yourself for the ultimate rush experience. Alpha Epsilon Pi is throwing its biggest rush party ever, and you are invited.

Call 247-3170 for a ride you'll never forget.\*  
 9:22p: **TEΦ**. Feel like shooting something? We'll give you the chance. Come to TEP's anachronistic Spud shooting gallery! Potatoes, celebrity targets, and prizes guaranteed to be worth almost the cost of a T token. 262-5090 for rides.\*\*  
 9:30p: **Sigma Phi Epsilon**. Sig Ep's Famous Casino Party\*  
 9:30p: **ΔKE. GRAFFITI PARTY** Deke's traditional rush party - meet lots of people by writing on them- T-Shirts and Markers provided. Your chance to meet lots of incoming freshmen, male and female. Call 494-8683 for a ride.\*  
 9:30p: **Epsilon Theta**. ICE CREAM SOCIAL. Many claim Tosci's is the champion among ice cream parlors, but we have many local contenders of our own. Join us in sampling every flavor from vanilla to papaya to ginger...and plenty of chocolate variations. Call 3-8888 for a ride.\*  
 9:30p: **Phi Delta Theta**. Night on the Town tour of Boston. Come and see the hot and historic spots of the Boston on this night walking tour. Get a free T-shirt too!\*
 9:30p: **pika**. That cell, that single cell.\*  
 9:31p: **Fenway House**. It's okay. Really. Just come and hang out with us and we promise not to ask you what you're thinking of majoring in. 437-1043\*  
 9:31p: **WILG**. Take a dip at WILG's great FONDUE PARTY!!! Call us at 354-1263 for a ride...  
 9:45p: **pika**. The cookies are almost gone. You'll have to convince Cashman to help you make more. 492-6983\*  
 9:59p: **Senior House. COAL WALK** The fearless Darrin Jewell, will tread across a perilous path as he walks over the coals at tonight's bonfire. Come see.\*  
 10:00p: **Senior House. BONFIRE** Gather around the SENIOR HOUSE courtyard bonfire, roast a marshmallow, build a smore, and hang out with us. Music, mellowness, and good conversation all provided.\*  
 10:00p: **German House**. Most of us are at the New House Party, but if you don't feel like partying, or are just looking for a quiet place, a few of us will be hanging out in the lounge.\*  
 10:00p: **Chi Phi**. How about a game of Poker? Five card draw, Chicago, Seven Card Stud, or any variety you can think of.\*  
 10:00p: **Student House**. All night pasty tasting.\*  
 10:01p: **German House**. Die meisten von uns sind bei dem New House Party, aber fuer denen, die kein Party besuchen wollen, oder ruhe suchen, gibt es ein Paar Leute im Lounge.\*  
 10:06p: **Number Six**. Monte Carlo Night with the Sixers.\*  
 10:15p: **Senior House**. Bubbles, bubbles, bubbles, carried by caressing waves of new age music will drift down from the balcony. Come be.\*  
 10:17p: **Random Hall**. The Space Movie Series continues with Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan - ON THE ROOFDECK! Don't miss it! Complete with milkshakes and popcorn.\*  
 10:22p: **TEΦ. CHOCOLATE!!** It's time to fondue with beautifully basted bananas, scrumptious smothered strawberries, brownies, fresh fruit, and more chocolate than you could (or would want to) shake a fondue fork at!\*
 10:30p: **ZY**. Headline comedy at Nick's Comedy Stop in Boston.\*\*  
 10:30p: **Nu Delta**. There's still plenty of time to win some money at our Gambling Evening.\*  
 10:30p: **Phi Sig. PHI SIG**. Buffalo Wing madness kicks off Part II of Late Night with Phi Sig. Join MIT's 1992 Wing Eating Champions for an endless supply of wings in mild, hot, or suicide varieties, along with other late night snacks.  
 10:30p: **ΠΛΦ**. Come on by for the Pi Lam basement gameroom tournament. Foosball, Ping-Pong, darts etc. Prizes awarded to winners.\*\*  
 10:43p: **Fenway House**. Let's do the time warp again! The Rocky Horror Picture Show in Harvard Square-leaving from Fenway at 11! Call for a ride-437-1043\*  
 11:00p: **ΦΚΣ**. Our Suicide Wings will make you breathe flames. Come have some.\*  
 11:10p: **New House**. Our party is still going strong; join us!\*
 11:17p: **Random Hall**. MIDNIGHT SPORTS EVENTS - it's always an added challenge to not be able to see whatever it is you're tackling or catching.\*  
 11:18p: **AEPI**. The party is ragin' at AEPI. Come over and hang. Dial 247-3170 for a safer ride.\*  
 11:30p: **La Maison Française**. Autour de quelque rafraichissements, venez voir comment nous vivons a la Maison Francaise. Sieme etage, New House 6.\*  
 11:30p: **Phi Sig. PHI SIG**. Join us for Boston's Best Pizza Contest. Devour slices from Uno's, Romano's, Domino's, Bertucci's, Bos Deli, and more.  
 11:30p: **Next House. SNL Bailout**: Kick back in a Next House Wing Lounge and watch the CITGO sign blink on and off ... NOT! Come join us for Saturday Night Live. Now isn't that Special...  
 11:56p: **Fenway House**. Come to Fenway and see our Elliptical Spiral Staircase! It's one of only three in the galaxy. Call for a ride at 437-1043-Transfers always welcome.\*  
 11:59p: **Senior House**. CHILL OUT IN THE COOL HOT TUB Come to the

roof of SENIOR HOUSE's Atkinson entry and relax in our soothing hot tub.\*  
 11:59p: **MacGregor**. After a hectic day out at the fraternities, come relax with us at our famous MIDNIGHT BARBECUE\*\*  
 12:00a: **Russian House**. V & pickles. Let's have a vecerinka (vecherinka).\*
 12:17a: **Random Hall**. 2010: Odyssey II ends our space series. It'll be neat to watch up on the roof, under the stars. Complete with popcorn and milkshakes.\*  
 12:27a: **Fenway House**. Spooool! 437-1043\*  
 1:17a: **Random Hall**. Check out the Random Hall Raffle - you may already be a winner. Great prizes! Gift Certificates at local stores.\*  
 1:22a: **Epsilon Theta**. Still counting sheep? We're more fun.\*  
 1:23a: **Fenway House**. The Fantastic Fenway Movie Madness Film Festival Redundancy Extravaganza is (naturally) still going on. Call us for a ride-437-1043\*  
 1:35a: **Senior House**. Come to SENIOR HOUSE and have sex with one or both of our devoted rush chairs. (condoms provided)\*  
 2:17a: **Random Hall**. Come and paint a mural - or maybe you're a winner of the Random Hall Raffle! Why are you up, anyway?\*
 2:26a: **Fenway House**. Bedtime stories and non sequiturs. We have an extra-dimensional staircase. 437-1043\*  
 3:16a: **Fenway House**. Dawn is just a few hours away. Come prepared to meet it. 437-1043\*  
 3:17a: **Fenway House**. Yawn.\*  
 3:17a: **Random Hall**. The third annual ORANGE TOUR BREAKFAST.\*  
 4:17a: **Random Hall**. The Orange Tour Breakfast continues, and you can still paint our wall mural. It sure is tough RUSHING INSNOMNIACS.\*  
 4:30a: **East Campus**. Wow! It's damn early. If you, uh, just happen to be awake, come to eaSt CAMPus for donuts cuz we'll be here. blorp\*

Activities

All day: **Science Fiction Society**. The largest public collection of science-fiction in the world is open from noon until midnight! Relax with a good book in MITSFS on the 4th floor of the Student Center.\*  
 10:00a: **Christian Student Assoc. ROCK CONCERT** Start your day kicking back to Boston's own BAN'D IN BOSTON. Student Center Steps.\*  
 11:30a: **Christian Student Assoc.** Come hangout and find out about the exciting Christian life here at MIT. Refreshments available. Ultimate to follow. Kresge Oval.\*  
 1:00p: **Joint Christian RO**. Volleyball. Location TBA; find out in CFL (8-105). Is\*  
 10:00p: **United Christian Fellowship**. R/O Break. FOOD!! games... Burton 241.\*

Notices

All day: **Elsewhere. ELSEWHERE LOUNGE IS OPEN!!!** Reading room, Student Center.\*  
 1:00p: **Sexual Identity. Fruit Festival!** Come hang out, eat good food, and listen to good music. Senior House Courtyard\*  
 8:00p: **Sexual Identity. Queer Elsewhere** Come hang out in a lesbigay-positive space. Open until 2am in room 14E-304.\*  
 In case of emergency, dial 100 from any MIT phone. Other important numbers: Campus Police: 253-1212 Med Center Emergency: 253-1311 R/O Center: 253-2500 UAEO: 253-6772 Nightline: 253-8800

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NOTE: A single asterisk (\*) following a listing indicates a coed or female living group. A double asterisk (\*\*) indicates an activity to which women are cordially invited.

