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Freshmen to Choose Dormitories Today Using New System

By Joey Marquez
NEWS EDITOR

Today marks the first time that incoming students will make their dormitory choices using a computer, rather than by submitting preference cards, as in previous years.

Six computers will be set up in the Residence/Orientation Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for freshmen to input their preferred dormitory assignments, said Elliot S. Levitt '89, staff associate for residence programs. Several reviews will take into account fraternity pledges and special circumstances; each dormitory's room chair will be on hand for a final review tomorrow afternoon to check that "nothing has been overlooked," and that the best results were achieved, Levitt said. Dormitory assignments are scheduled for distribution tomorrow at 5 p.m.

The new process came about for several reasons, Levitt said. First, the computer system only allows students to make six choices, preventing a previous practice of submitting only one or two choices. This practice made it difficult to distribute fair assignments. In addition, letting freshmen choose dormitories themselves is more efficient than having R/O workers enter the preferences into a computer by hand. "The world doesn't need more forms," Levitt said.

Computer process proved successful

The use of the new computer system in determining room assignments was introduced just last year, and has proven to be successful, Levitt said. The process was also used successfully during the summer, when freshmen were assigned dormitory assignments for R/O Week.

In asking freshmen for their top six choices of dormitories they would like to stay in, the computer successfully assigned an overwhelming majority of freshmen to their top three choices; only a handful received below their third choice.

One freshman said that due to crowding problems, he believes that it would be impossible for him to receive his first choice. But according to Levitt, that is not the reason why many freshmen will not receive their first choice. Levitt hopes that between 95 and 100 percent of freshmen will receive one of their top three choices, but emphasizes that with this success rate, the number of freshmen receiving their first choice will not be too high.

According to Levitt, the philosophy in dormitory assignments is that "everybody has their needs at MIT, and deserves to not be extremely unhappy in their environment." As a result, first choice spaces are used to help freshmen who would otherwise receive their last choice.

Although tomorrow is officially known as the "first round" of dormitory assignments, the term does not accurately describe the process. On this first day of assigning freshmen to dorms, 30 to 40 freshmen are randomly selected for the second round of assignments, to balance the spacing and crowding in dormitories due to freshmen pledging to independent living groups, freshmen deciding to live off campus, or other factors. Although freshmen may see this as hurting their chances of receiving their top choices, Levitt indicated this is not the case, and said that freshmen in the second round do as well or even better than if being in the first round.

'Ad Hoc Committee' Protests Fraternity Rushing System

By Ben Rels
STAFF REPORTER

A group of students calling themselves the "Ad Hoc Committee on an Informed Rush" has recently been distributing pamphlets and putting up posters around campus regarding the fraternity system and rush in general.

"The purpose of our group is to help incoming students ask the right questions and make informed decisions during rush," said Scott R. Velazquez '93, one of the two leaders of the committee. Robert C. Plotkin '93 is the other leader.

"We have worked to make incoming students aware of hazing, harassment, and problems with MIT rush," Velazquez said. "We believe our written material is quite clear, but if there are any misconceptions or questions about our actions or intentions, we will be happy to answer them in our forum."

Velazquez said that the committee is made up of about 10 other students, many of whom work for the Alternative News Collective, which publishes *The Thistle*. However, an electronic mailing list, allegedly connected to the committee, showed closer to 18 members, most of whom are connected with the ANC.

"Although we have received

help from several other students, we take responsibility for all our written materials," Velazquez said, adding that members themselves fund the committee's activities. He said that no funding comes from *The Thistle* or any other organization.

Neal H. Dorow, advisor to fraternities and independent living groups, said that he had "read the material, and the authors have raised some important issues. ... It is unfortunate the manner by which they have chosen to address the issues."

"We want to make the fraternities better places for all members of the MIT community," Dorow continued. "The way they went about doing this does not lead me to believe that their goal is to work towards a solution. They are going beyond 'informing the freshman.' There are more effective ways of addressing the issues."

In the preface to the committee's pamphlet, *Common Sense*, Velazquez and Plotkin say, "Working through the 'proper channels' of the administration and Institute committees is stifling and fails to address the root problems." Velazquez explained that he and Plotkin tried unsuccessfully to work with the Undergraduate Association

housing committee last year.

"We then talked to Elliot [S.] Levitt '89], and he was very sympathetic," he continued. Levitt, staff associate for residence programs, included some of Velazquez's and Plotkin's personal experiences in the *Undergraduate Residence Handbook*. This, according to Velazquez, "did not go far enough."

"For the last year, we spoke to [James R.] Tehwey [associate dean for residence and campus activities] and [Andrew M.] Eisenmann [assistant dean for student affairs], about providing hazing and harassment statistics on campus," Velazquez said. "They told us that we had raised an important point, but they've failed to do anything so far."

Velazquez added, "The R/O committee tried to cancel our contract for a table in the Student Center, until it was later approved by Dean Tehwey."

Opposition group

A group has formed in opposition to the Ad Hoc Committee, calling itself the People With Names.

Francis X. Zane '93, a member of the that group, said, "We felt that the people putting up the posters

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ILGs Predict Successful Rush

By Reuven M. Lerner
NEWS EDITOR

An informal survey of independent living group rush chairs seems to indicate that this year's rush will be at least as successful as last year's.

Rush chairs attributed their optimism to the large size of this year's freshman class as well as to nice weather over the weekend. They tended to dismiss the fact that an estimated 75 and 80 percent of freshmen dormitory rooms will be crowded.

Asked to describe his group's rush, Fenway House Rush Chair

Marc D. Tanner '95 said, "It's been a mind-blowing three days."

"So many people have visited us, and I've met so many people," he said. "They look like they're having a good time."

C. Bruce Cashman '94, rush chair at Theta Delta Chi, agreed. "It's been a fantastic year. ... It's the best," he said, adding, "There are a lot of good guys rushing a lot of houses that are actually interested in the fraternity system."

Delta Upsilon's James H. Lee '93 was even more optimistic: "Our rush is going great. We're looking for the biggest pledge class in recent

history."

Not every house has seen an improved rush, however. Eric C. Nehrlich '94, Tau Epsilon Pi's rush chair, said, "This year has been much worse than previous years." His was not the only living group to be experiencing a difficult rush, Nehrlich said.

Even so, he added, "We won't have a problem meeting our goal this year. ... We've been meeting people we like."

Crowding not an issue

Because this year's freshman class is larger than either the admissions or housing offices anticipated, freshmen have been told repeatedly that the overwhelming majority of dormitory rooms will be crowded. A letter to freshmen emphasized this point, telling them that they should investigate all of their housing options thoroughly before making a decision.

Despite these warnings, however, many rush chairs believed that the increased rush activity was mostly due to other factors.

Freshmen are concerned, said Paris U. Ballesteros '93, rush chair at Alpha Delta Phi, but not overly so. They might ask, "How big are the quints, or how big are the quads," but most freshmen realize that "paying over \$25,000 a year to be accommodated" assures them of some security, he said.

Several other rush chairs wondered if students even thought about crowding when rushing ILGs. "I don't really know how much the

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Professor Emeritus Cyril S. Smith Dies

Cyril Stanley Smith PhD '26, institute professor emeritus of metallurgy and history of metallurgy, died Aug. 25 of cancer at his home in Cambridge. He was 88.

Smith was famous in the discipline for his original research in the molecular structure of metals, the shapes of metal grains, and how the various levels of structures, from microscopic to visible, related to one another.

In addition, Smith was an authority on how people, from the beginning of history, had used materials, especially metals, and how their lives and cultures had been affected by them.

Smith was born in Birmingham, England, and received his bachelor's degree in metallurgy from the University of Birmingham in 1924 and his doctorate from MIT in 1926.

He was research metallurgist at American Brass Co. from 1927 to 1942, receiving 20 patents for his inventions and writing papers for technical journals. His research concentrat-

ed on the electrical and thermal conductivities of copper alloys, as well as their mechanical and magnetic properties.

During the war, after a brief stint with the War Metallurgy Committee, Smith joined the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos, N.M., where he directed the preparation of the fissionable metals uranium-235 and plutonium-239 for the atomic bombs. His work on the nuclear bombs was honored in 1946 with the Presidential Medal of Merit.

After work at the University of Chicago, Smith came to MIT in 1961, where he taught until he retiring in 1969.

While at MIT, he designed his joint appointment in the departments of metallurgy and the humanities the better to "encourage the understanding of human history and human activity through the scientific investigation of the material period of the past," as he put it in his proposal.

President Harry Truman named Smith as one of the original nine members of the general advisory committee of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Smith also explored the relationship between the decorative arts and the materials used in them. His view that decorative arts led scientists to understand the properties of materials is laid down in his 1980 book, *From Art to Science*.

Smith leaves his wife of 60 years, Alice (Kimball), dean emerita of the Bunting Institute at Radcliffe; a daughter, Anne Denman, chairman of anthropology at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Wash.; a son, Stuart, a marine geologist at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, Calif.; a sister, Mary Smith of Sutton Coldfield, England; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on campus in the fall. Burial arrangements are private.

WORLD & NATION

Buchanan Will Not Go On Road for Bush, Aides Say

NEWSDAY

Pat Buchanan, who delivered one of the most memorably rancorous political speeches of modern times at the Republican National Convention, will not be taking his conservative spiel on the road.

The former commentator, who opened a hole in President Bush's right flank during the primaries earlier this year, seemed to be welcomed back into the Republican fold after his bitterly partisan endorsement speech in Houston. He and the Bush campaign both announced that he would be hitting the campaign trail on the president's behalf immediately after the convention.

But now — in what may be another indication of the campaign's attempt to distance itself from the right-wing stridence evident in Houston — Buchanan and his staff are saying his rhetorical talents could best be used elsewhere. Greg Mueller, Buchanan's press secretary, said Buchanan has decided he could better serve the campaign by making an occasional television appearance instead of working the stump.

"Pat's talents can best be exploited by doing talk shows and maybe satellite feeds in key states," Mueller said. "Rather than travel around the country, he thinks it would be better to bang that Bush message right through the TV screen."

Mueller and the campaign deny that Buchanan is being muzzled by skittish Bush operatives, worried about polls showing a negative backlash after the convention. Torie Clarke, Bush's campaign spokeswoman, said she fully expects Buchanan to be a "big part" of the campaign.

Gore Lays Blame for Crippled Auto Industry on Bush

THE WASHINGTON POST

DETROIT

Democratic vice presidential nominee Albert Gore Jr., launching a fierce counterattack against charges that he is an environmental extremist, Saturday accused the Bush administration of crippling America's auto industry by fostering a recession and cozying up to Japan.

Speaking to a partisan crowd in the nation's auto capital, Gore blamed the loss of more than 100,000 Michigan jobs on the economic policies of Bush and former president Ronald Reagan. And he named Bush administration officials or advisers who have business ties to the Japanese auto industry, saying this raises questions about Bush's commitment to American workers.

Gore's remarks came on the heels of attacks by Bush and Vice President Quayle, who charged that Gore's support for higher fuel economy standards for American cars would devastate the industry.

Sarajevo Riddled With Holes After Months of Shelling

THE WASHINGTON POST

SARAJEVO, BOSNIA

It is difficult to convey in words the magnitude of the damage that Serb shelling has done to this capital city.

If there is an exposed window, it is broken; a wall, it is pockmarked; a roof, it has a hole.

Sarajevo is still standing, but perforated beyond imagining. When the rains come this fall, it will leak badly, and the level of ambient hopelessness — already high — will likely soar.

A wobbly example of how sieve-like the city has become is a steel cargo container like those that ride on railroad cars. To protect pedestrians from Serb sniper positions in the hills south of the city, it was positioned in mid-July at an exposed street crossing.

The container has since been punched with so many thousands of bullet holes that its walls sag like the paunch of a beer drinker.

The breakup of Yugoslavia left the Bosnian Serbs, among the three warring ethnic groups in this republic, the sole heirs to one of Europe's great stockpiles of bullets and artillery shells. They were manufactured for decades by the regime of Communist ruler Marshal Tito as insurance against an attack from the imperialist West and the Soviet East. The ammunition and the weapons to fire it were handed off to Bosnian Serbs by the Serb-dominated Yugoslav army when it withdrew from Bosnia last spring.

Since then, projectiles of all shapes and sizes have rained down on the civilians of Sarajevo in a most extraordinarily arbitrary and absurd way. U.N. military observers here say they have never seen so much ordnance expended to so little military purpose. Even the gunmen battling in Beirut did not have such an endless supply of ammunition, military observers say.

WEATHER

Continued Pleasant

By Michael Morgan

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

High pressure building in from the Midwest will provide sunny weather for the next several days.

Today: Variably cloudy with a brief light rain shower possible. Winds west, 15-20 mph (9-13 kph). High 85°F (29°C).

Tonight: Partly cloudy and cool. Winds west 10-15 mph (6-9 kph). Low 59°F (15°C).

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and cooler. High 77°F (25°C). Low 55°F (13°C).

Wednesday: Partly cloudy and milder. High 82°F (28°C). Low 60°F (16°C).

Iraq Ready to Launch Ground Attack Against Shiites, Official Says

By Norman Kempster

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Although Iraq has not challenged the 4-day-old ban on the use of its aircraft in the southern part of the country, there are indications that Saddam Hussein's regime is readying a new ground offensive against rebellious Shiite Muslims in the area, a top U.S. official said Sunday.

"There are a couple of divisions in the south that have moved out of their garrisons, and there have been signs of preparation for another ground offensive for several weeks now," White House national security adviser Brent Scowcroft said on the NBC program "Meet the Press." Scowcroft left little doubt that Washington would react forcefully to any new Iraqi attacks against the mainly Shiite population of the south. "I wouldn't want to say exactly what we would do, but I think Saddam ought to take the prospect very seriously," he said.

In Baghdad, Hussein vowed to resist what he called U.S. efforts to partition the Arab world and seize control of Middle East oil supplies. But he also indicated that he was in no hurry to provoke a showdown

with the militarily more powerful Western nations.

"The leadership is determined to reject the bold aggression and confront it with all means available and on all levels," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted Hussein as saying.

"We will not be deceived by the slogans they have raised justifying their ban on flights in southern and northern Iraq (where a similar no-fly zone has been in effect for months)," Hussein said in a speech read for him by an announcer on Iraqi television and radio. "These slogans are a conspiracy to eliminate Iraq's historical role in (the Arab world) and partition the region to seize control over its oil wealth."

But he also counseled caution.

"I realize that the young among you can't stand this aggressive and infidel act and are burning with wrath, wanting to respond," he said. "I don't want to hide that we (leaders) like you have the same feelings, but we in the leadership resort to patience, which God wants."

In a warning directed at Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, Hussein said, "Any country in the region that provides facilities to the forces of

aggression will alone shoulder the responsibility toward its people and toward God and bear the consequences of such an unforgivable action."

Iraq has done nothing, so far, to challenge the no-fly zone that was imposed Thursday by the United States, Britain and France. The allied nations said that they would shoot down any Iraqi aircraft in the zone to enforce a U.N. Security Council resolution forbidding Iraqi oppression against the mainly Shiite population in the region bordering Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Meanwhile, U.N. weapons inspectors prepared to leave Bahrain Sunday to resume their investigation of Iraq's nuclear arms potential.

The visit, scheduled to begin Monday in Baghdad, is the first since the air exclusion zone was imposed.

Iraqi officials have hinted that they may refuse to cooperate with the weapons inspectors or with humanitarian aid teams as a response to the no-fly zone. But U.N. officials said that they would go ahead as scheduled with the inspection, which was expected to be completed by Sept. 7.

As Southern Florida Rebuilds, Engineers Rethink Housing Codes

By Rudy Abramson

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MIAMI

As Hurricane Andrew's victims continued their daily search for necessities Saturday, teams of engineers in four-wheelers fanned out from a cluttered command center in Hallandale, Fla., with a longer-range mission in mind.

Rushing to examine the wreckage of thousands of homes before repairs begin, the teams are the advance brigade in a reassessment of housing codes that could have an impact far beyond ravaged South Florida.

Additionally, the most costly hurricane in American history — coming just three years after the devastation caused by Hurricane Hugo in the Carolinas and the Loma Prieta earthquake in Northern California — is apt to spark a re-examination of ways to provide insurance against natural disasters.

The time has come, says William Petak, a professor at the University of Southern California and executive director of its Institute for Safety and Systems Management, "to consider an all-risk natural disaster insurance program of some

type."

The more immediate item on the recovery agenda is a review of South Florida's building code. Although the code is already considered the most stringent in the country, the damages caused by Hurricane Andrew will be analyzed with an eye toward toughening it, officials said.

The codes in other storm-prone areas may receive sharper scrutiny as well. Had Andrew hit Texas rather than Florida, the damage would have been much worse because that state has a less stringent building code, said National Hurricane Center Director Bob Sheets.

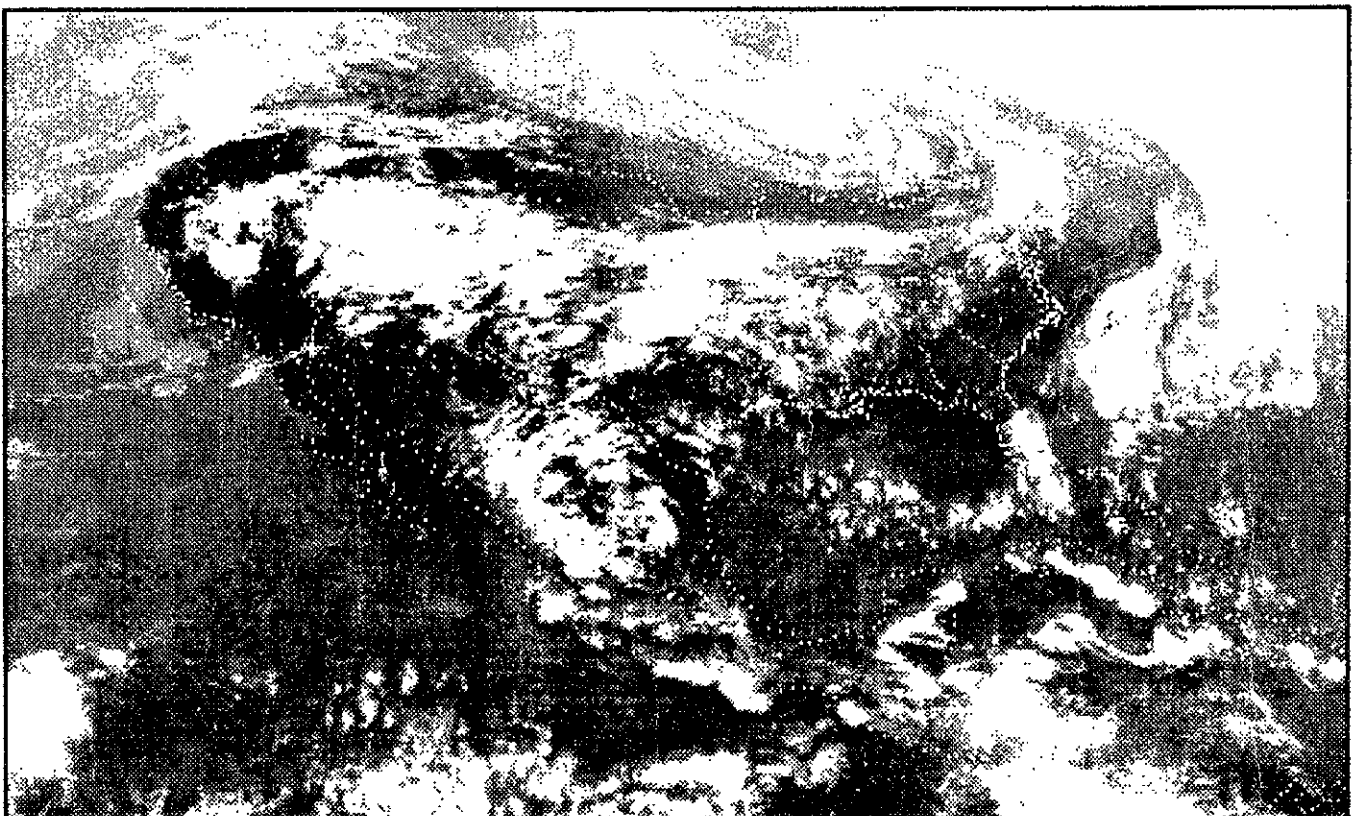
Although some communities in Florida, notably the town of Homestead, were leveled, there were scores of other areas where some homes survived amid others that were demolished. The engineering teams organized in the hours after Andrew inflicted its full wrath Monday are gathering data from the homes left standing as well as those destroyed. This information will underpin the studies of building codes, as well as help Florida officials determine the current safety of

building practices and the extent of code violations.

Sheets speculated that a substantial number of homes were lost here because builders and homeowners had fallen in love with skylights, high ceilings and steep roofs during a time when southern Florida was bypassed by powerful hurricanes. Current building codes allow all of these architectural designs, but Sheets argues that they are structurally unwise in hurricane-prone areas.

Some South Florida residents, meanwhile, are expressing suspicion that the problem is less one of building-code gaps than of enforcing the existing regulations. They assert that many of the damaged and destroyed homes violated codes designed to protect against wind damage.

Overall in South Florida, an estimated 63,000 homes were destroyed by the hurricane. In the six days since the storm, damage estimates have risen to \$30 billion, from Washington's initial guess of \$6 billion to \$10 billion and local officials' early figures of \$15 billion to \$20 billion.



Satellite photo from 8:00 p.m. yesterday.

Yeltsin's Japan Trip to Define Russia's Place in G-7

By Sam Jameson
LOS ANGELES TIMES

KARUIZAWA, JAPAN

Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin's visit to Japan beginning Sept. 13 will test whether Russia can become a "partner" of the so-called Group of Seven advanced industrialized democracies, Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa declared here Sunday.

Speaking to a seminar of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, Miyazawa said Japan, the United States, Canada, Germany, Britain, France and Italy agreed at the Munich summit in July that "we want Russia to be our partner."

"That was the basic thinking of

the political declaration" at Munich, Miyazawa said, adding that to build that kind of relationship, Moscow must "close the books on Stalinism by resolving the northern territories issue."

He was referring to Japan's claim to four islands off its northern coast that were seized by the former Soviet Union after the end of World War II and continue to be held by Russia. Tokyo's claim was supported by Japan's six G-7 partners, Miyazawa said.

"Those islands have never belonged to anyone except Japan. If Yeltsin can agree to that point, we can be flexible (about the timing of their return). There are many ways to deal with the issue," Miyazawa

said. Such an agreement by Yeltsin, the prime minister said, would open the door to "large-scale aid" to Russia from Japan. "But we can't give large-scale aid, which would come from tax money, without the people's support," he said.

Earlier at the seminar, Chairman Koko Sato of the ruling party's general affairs bureau, who had just returned from a trip to two of the islands at issue, predicted that pressure from hard-liners in Moscow will keep Yeltsin from recognizing Japan's sovereignty over the islands. But he said the Russian islanders themselves were "beginning to lend an ear" to Japan's

offers. Sato said that he had told the islanders that Japan was willing to wait for "three to five years" for the return of the two smaller territories, Shikotan and the Habomai islets, and "even 10 or 15 years" for the reversion of Etorofu and Kunashiri after Moscow acknowledges Japanese sovereignty.

Japan also would guarantee the islanders' residence rights, either as Japanese or Russian citizens, and extend the benefits of Japan's social welfare and medical insurance to them, he said.

"Or, Japan will cooperate to provide funds to build typical Russian middle-class housing for those who wish to move to Sakhalin

Island or elsewhere in Russia," he added.

"The islanders listened constructively to our proposals," Sato said. "But Moscow doesn't listen. There, they say Yeltsin wouldn't last in office for half a year if he agreed to give back the islands."

Sato said that Moscow's intractability stemmed from the new role played by the inexperienced Russian parliament, which replaced the Soviet parliament as the supreme legislature in Moscow.

"The equivalent in Japan would be to abolish Parliament and turn the management of Japan's affairs over to the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly," he said.

Calif. Assembly Passes Budget to End 60-Day Impasse

By Daniel M. Weintraub
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LOS ANGELES TIMES

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

Too weary to fight any longer and increasingly worried about the repercussions — political and otherwise — from California's historic budget stalemate, state lawmakers on Saturday passed a \$58-billion spending plan and sent it to Gov. Pete Wilson.

The budget bill cleared the Assembly without a vote to spare — 60 days into the fiscal year and 75 days after the Legislature's constitutional deadline for passing a budget.

Still pending late Saturday were about a dozen bills that would balance the spending plan by raising about \$500 million in fees and implementing the budget cuts in health, education, welfare and local government. Wilson said that he would sign the budget only after the Legislature delivered the other measures to his desk.

Although the Assembly was still divided over education spending, proposed cuts to Wilson's staff and other issues related to the budget, it appeared all but certain that the remaining bills would reach the governor by the scheduled Monday night adjournment of this year's legislative session.

Controller Gray Davis said that his staff would begin working immediately to prepare to pay the backlog of bills that have been piling up since July 1, when the state stopped paying businesses that deliver goods to government agencies and quit reimbursing non-profit organizations that provide health and social services on the state's behalf. Davis said that it would take his office about 48 hours after the budget is signed to pay the first \$1.1 billion in claims.

The Assembly's passage of the budget bill came on a bipartisan 54-23 vote about 17 hours after the Senate passed the same measure on

a vote of 33-5. The predominant sentiment from Democrats and Republicans in both houses was that the time had come to end the battle and get on with the state's business.

"It is long past the time the public tolerates a philosophical fight between the Democrats and the Republicans," said Senate President Pro Tem David A. Roberti, a Democrat, who crafted the compromise with Senate Republican Leader Ken Maddy of Fresno.

Democratic Assemblyman Bruce Bronzan, chairman of the Assembly Health Committee, said the public's anger over the lack of a budget had overwhelmed concern about the issues that were at stake.

"We have a tyranny of circumstances," Bronzan said. "What we are fighting for has become obliterated by the damage we are doing to everybody."

The key to the compromise was its treatment of public education. The deal would give Wilson one

major point upon which he has insisted: a long-term reduction in the growth in education spending. But in exchange, Wilson agreed to advance the schools \$960 million from their future guaranteed appropriations, enabling them to spend the same amount per student this fiscal year as they did last year.

The budget also would cut into health and welfare programs for the poor and the disabled, shift money from local governments and reduce spending on higher education while boosting fees 24 percent at the University of California and 40 percent at the California State University campuses.

In the Assembly, liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans found common cause in complaining that the budget spared Wilson's executive branch — the state bureaucracy — even as it cut into higher education and services to the poor. Although Wilson has agreed to a \$200 million reduc-

tion in state operations, lawmakers from both parties are angry that he has opposed their moves to eliminate the positions of public information officers, reduce travel, and cut the number of the governor's political appointees.

Others complained that the budget contained too many temporary fixes and would lead to still more deficits later. The budget was supposed to close a \$10.7 billion gap between anticipated revenues and the cost of retiring last year's deficit, rebuilding an emergency reserve, and continuing all state programs at their current levels.

"We are all weary from this crisis," said Republican Assemblyman Tom McClintock, who opposed the budget. "We are all bone-tired. But if you adopt this budget you will have condemned the next Legislature and the one after that to repeat all of the travail we have come through."

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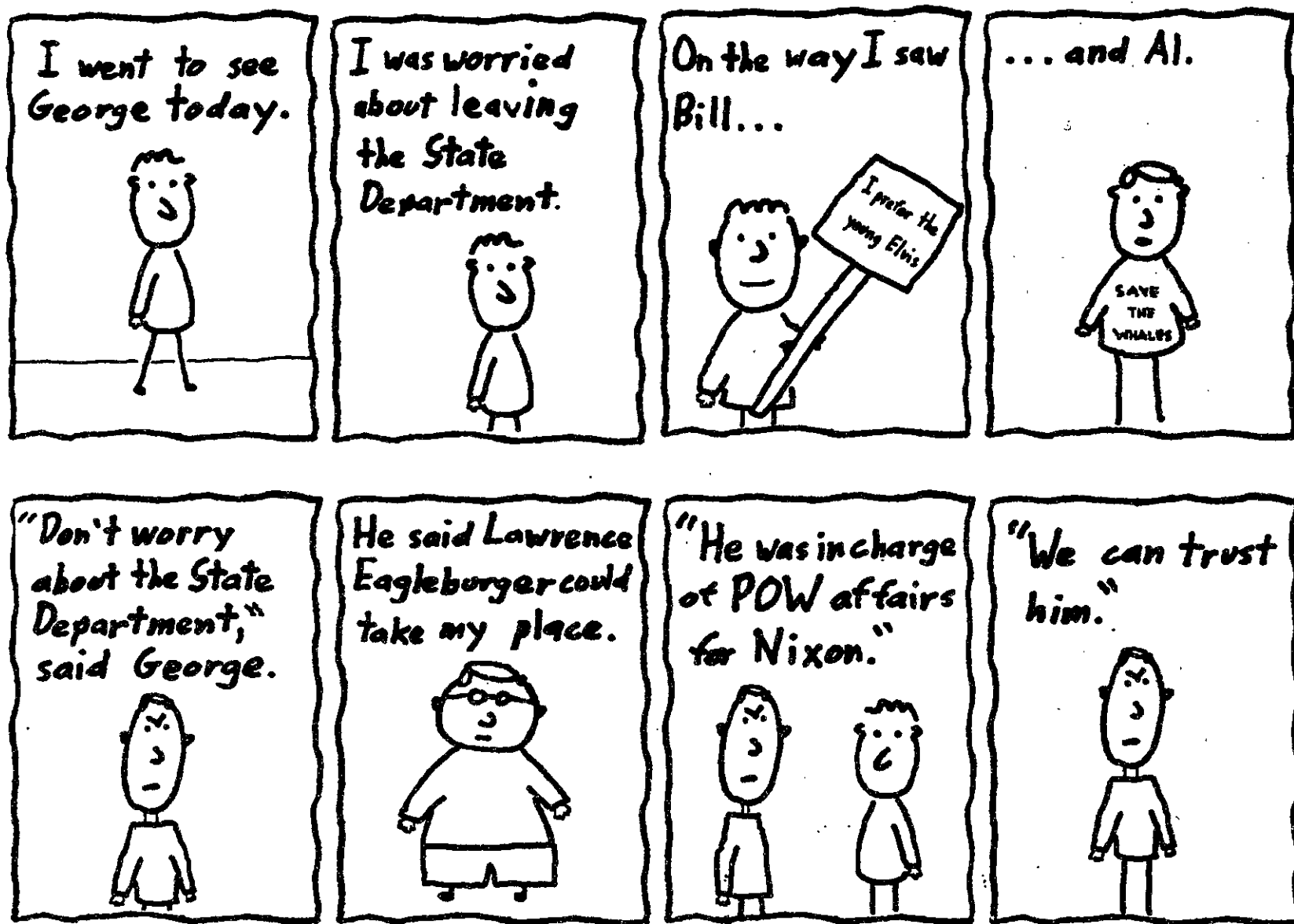
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Queer Elsewhere Deserves Coverage

I would like to thank *The Tech* for its coverage of Elsewhere ["Elsewhere Lounge Offers Escape From R/O Week," Aug. 28], and at the same time express my disappointment that the article did not mention Queer Elsewhere, which all the more merits reporting since this is Queer Elsewhere's first year.

Taking its inspiration from Elsewhere, Queer Elsewhere is designed to be a refuge from rush, but it also aspires to be a refuge

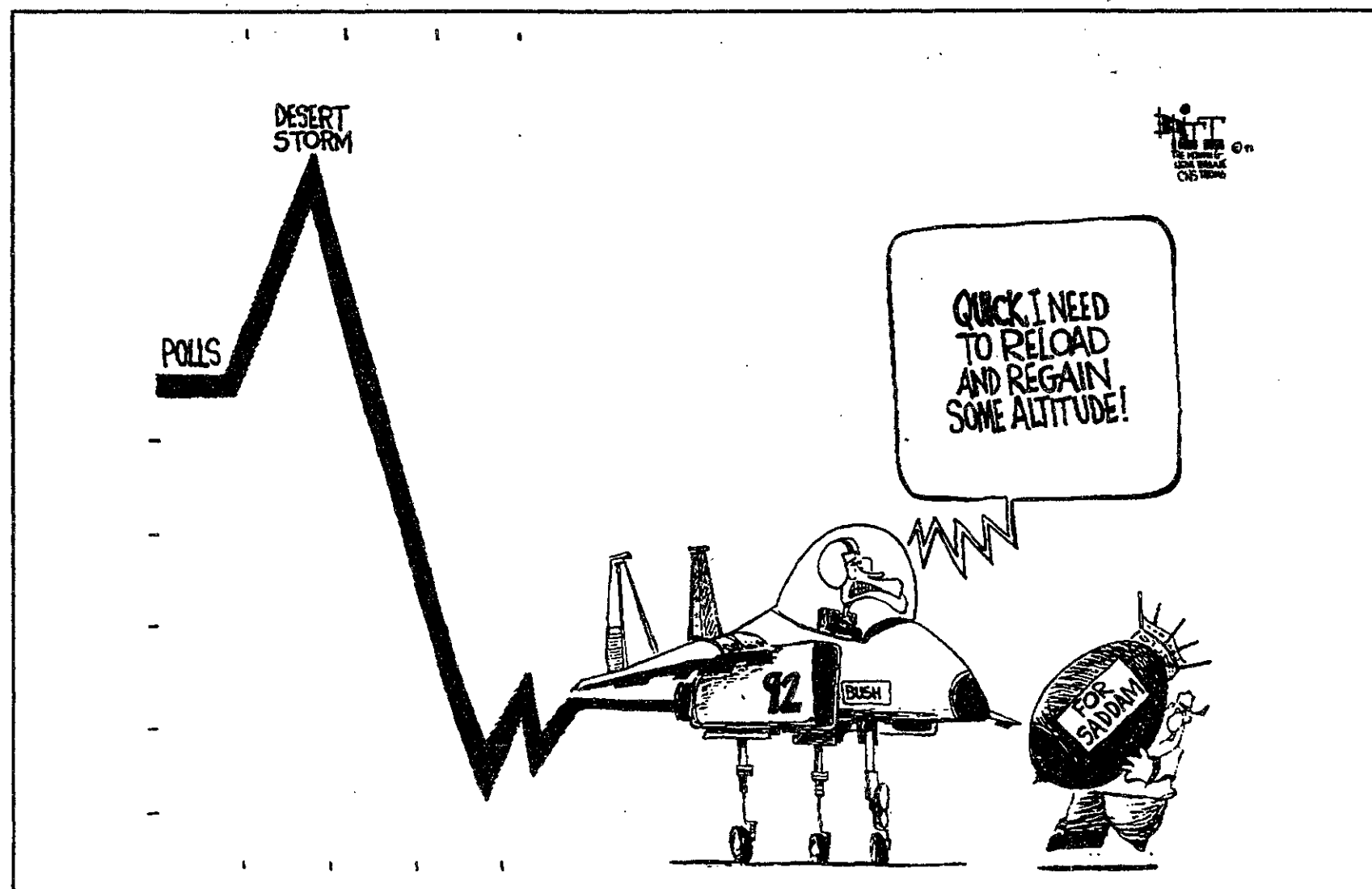
from homophobia and biphobia and, more positively, a place where queers feel welcome, where queerness is encouraged, and where people can meet queer-MIT students who are out and proud. Queer Elsewhere is coordinated by the Residence/Orientation Committee on Sexual Identity.

I must question a comment made by Karl L. Yen '93, InterFraternity Council Rush Chair, who said that Elsewhere does not "really say anything negative about the rushing process." I wonder if Yen would say the same about Queer Elsewhere. Queer Elsewhere was deemed necessary because of the heightened

level of homophobia at a time when everyone, it seems, is either selling his or her living group or trying to fit in.

The very existence of Queer Elsewhere is a bald statement on the homophobia of the rushing process; and though Yen does not seem to think the high pressure of rush is something negative, I hope he would think homophobia is. Until MIT can come up with a rush that does not encourage homophobia as a way to get a competitive edge on others, Queer Elsewhere will remain both crucial and newsworthy.

Joseph A. Powers Jr. '92



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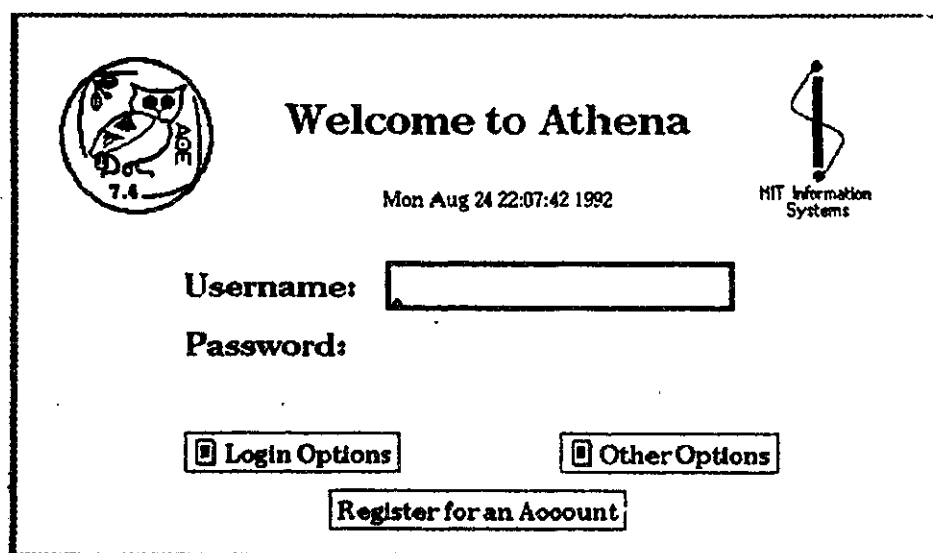
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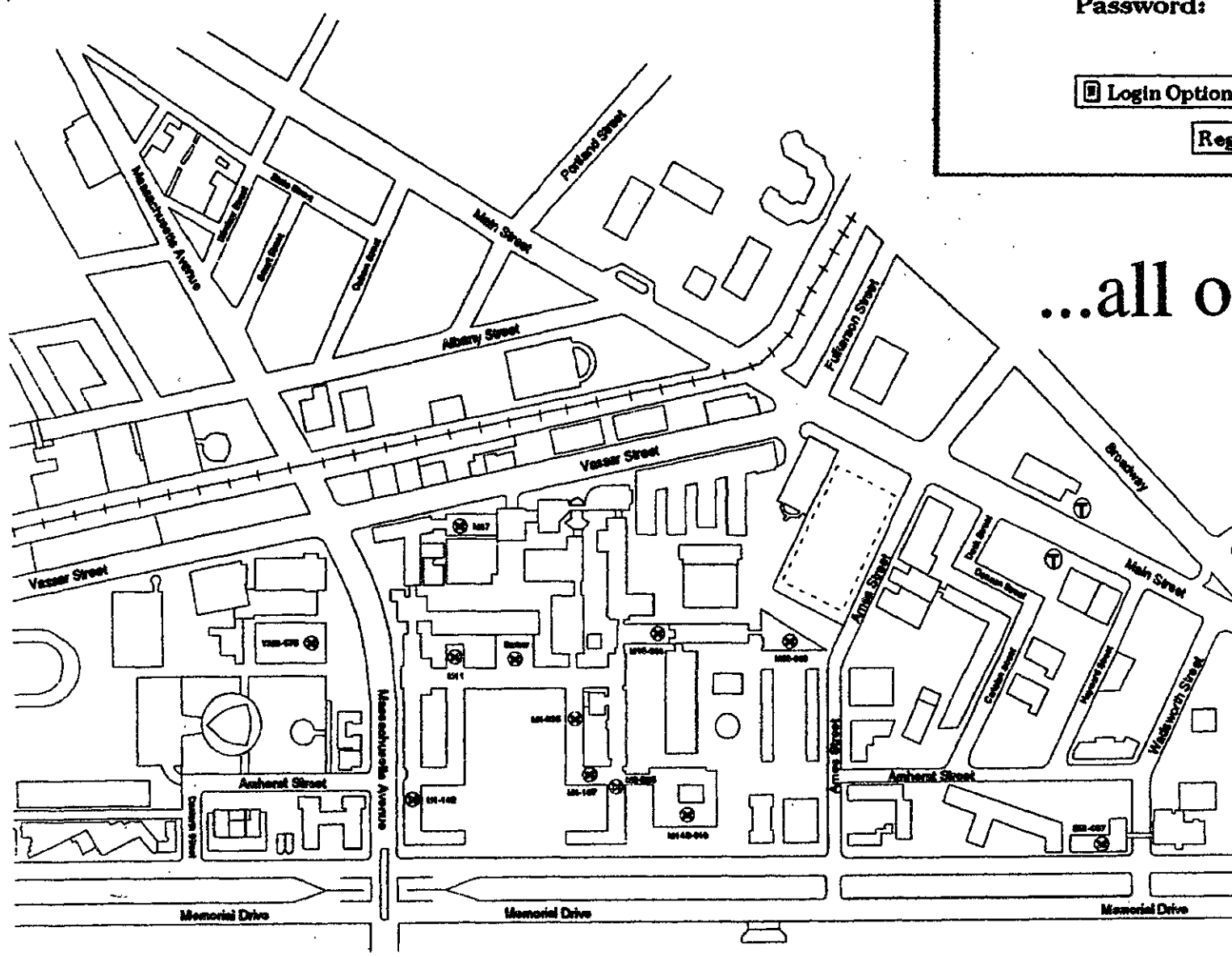
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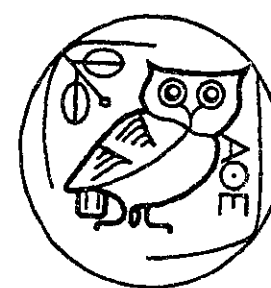
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• Note locations: Tuesday in 26-100, Thursday and Friday in 10-250.

Group Protests Rush System

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were making sweeping generalizations that we felt weren't true."

Zane added that his group was "disappointed that they [the Ad Hoc Committee] did not put their names on any of the posters until we put

our posters up protesting that."

"We have made no attempt to hide who we are, said Velazquez, responding to allegations of hiding their identities. "We had a table in the Student Center, and at the Killian Kickoff, and we have distributed over 1,000 flyers, posters,

and booklets with our names and phone numbers on them."

Jeremy H. Brown '94, another member of the People With Names, said the group was "annoyed with gross generalizations" made by the Ad Hoc Committee. "There is no justification for bashing ILGs across the board. We are disgusted that the removal of the no bad-mouthing rules instantly permitted such a childish set of posters to be put up."

Brown said he felt that "some of the [committee's] posters were informative and I agree with some of the things they said."

Chad P. Brown '94, another member of the People With Names, stressed the crux of his group's message is, "Freshman should think for themselves and should be allowed to do so." He said he felt the Ad Hoc Committee's posters "were not encouraging freshman to ask honest questions and get honest answers."

Larger Class Credited For Expected Good Rush

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freshmen are reading or believing. They haven't mentioned it all," said Carmen S. Bellavia '94, rush chair at Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Maroula S. Bratakos '93, rush chair at the Women's Independent Living Group, said that while crowding might have been a factor in people's decision to rush ILGs, many had looked at dormitories before deciding to rush.

"Freshmen feel that there is more of an advantage for them to visit ILGs," agreed Fenway's Tanner. "There is more of a chance of getting their own personal space."

Mixed reaction to picnic delay

Rush chairs had mixed reactions to the fact that this year's picnic and rush were delayed by about two

hours. In previous years, rush began closer to 4:30 p.m.; this year, it started at 6:30 p.m.

Ballesteros said that Neal H. Dorow, advisor to independent living groups and sororities, told a number of rush chairs that police asked the Institute to delay rush until the end of late afternoon traffic tie-ups. "That would be a violation of some state rule," Ballesteros said.

All of the rush chairs agreed that starting the picnic later meant less time for them to find and work with freshmen on Friday night.

Despite the loss of time, Ekrem S. Soylemez '93, rush chair at Epsilon Theta, said he "didn't find any problems" with the delayed rush, although it meant that "people were hungrier, I guess."

"Personally, I kind of liked it," said TDC's Cashman. The delay allowed them to "get people from the picnic right back to dinner. For us, it worked out better."

Lee, the DU rush chair, suggested that the Institute might in the future make up the lost time by extending rush by one day. "Leave the day that you extend bids to a day later," he said, adding that doing so would "make things a lot less hectic."

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Directed and written by John Woo
Starring Chow Yun-fat, Ti Lung, and Leslie Cheung
At the Museum of Fine Arts
September 10, 11
Both films are presented as part of the film festival Cinema of Blazing Passion: Hong Kong
Films in the Eighties

By Danny Su
STAFF REPORTER

A Chinese Ghost Story is by far the best movie director Tsui Hark has ever made. Even those disappointed by Hark's other films will be thrilled with this one after seeing it. Leslie Cheung stars as a poor student who falls in love with a homeless ghost, played by Wong Tso-yin, who can not reincarnate because of an improper burial. With the help of a Tao sorcerer (Wu Ma), they rampage through hell to save Wong from eternal damnation. Cheung's performance is splendid. His

charming and clever acting fully brings his character to life. On the other hand, in a role requiring little in terms of liveliness, Wong looks sensational. With her long hair and white dress, she may be the prettiest ghost ever filmed. Unfortunately, she has only one expression throughout the movie, a melancholic look that manages to earn the audience's pity but can not be classified as gifted acting. Wu is more than adequate as he brings a good deal of humor to the film through a number of witty comments.

If you are looking for special effects, you will be delighted by *A Chinese Ghost Story*. The simple plot is definitely aided by the film's technical wizardry. Although the visuals are not as spectacular as big-budgeted American films, they still have the potential to dazzle.

Unlike most other gangster films made in Hong Kong which are filled with action instead of plot, *A Better Tomorrow* is a fast paced, action-packed movie which manages to clearly explain its rich emotions. When it was released in 1986, it set a trend for all other Hong Kong films of the genre.

Mark, played by Chow Yun-fat, is the hit man who is second-in-command for the largest organized crime ring in Hong Kong. He is a courageous and self-assured man, as is

illustrated by the following exchange he has with Ho (Ti Lung), the group's leader.

"Do you believe in God?"

"Yes. I am God. God is no different from anybody else. I can control my destiny."



Chow Yun-fat as hit man Mark in director John Woo's *A Better Tomorrow*

Therefore, I am God."

Although Mark's confidence and killer instincts are his best traits, they eventually cause his downfall as he is crippled in a shootout.

Ho's fall from power is brought about by an entirely different series of events. He thinks briefly about retirement when his brother (Leslie Cheung), who is unaware of Ho's involvement in organized crime, becomes a

cop. Ho lacks the toughness and cruelty need to be a powerful leader, and he is eventually betrayed by a member of his own gang and sent behind bars.

The best sequence of the movie occurs late, as Mark and Ho reunite in a parking lot. Ho has become a taxi driver attempting to erase his past, and Mark has become a lowly janitor for the group. Their meeting sets off hidden emotions and brings out the best of the two actors.

Although the movie is packed with action, particularly in the final scene when Mark is allowed to show all of his force, it has much more to offer. Ho's confrontation with his cop brother shows clearly the inner struggle that Ho must go through in an effort to become a law-abiding citizen. Cheung, a famous Asian singer but a relatively inexperienced actor before this film, is brilliant. Still, his performance is overshadowed by those of Chow and Ti.

As in most other Hong Kong films, John Woo's *A Better Tomorrow* uses women merely as objects. Leslie Cheung's wife, the only significant female lead in the movie, is given no personality and no real role. Instead, she is required to run around, look beautiful, and act silly every once in a while to amplify the male prowess that *A Better Tomorrow* exhibits so stylishly.

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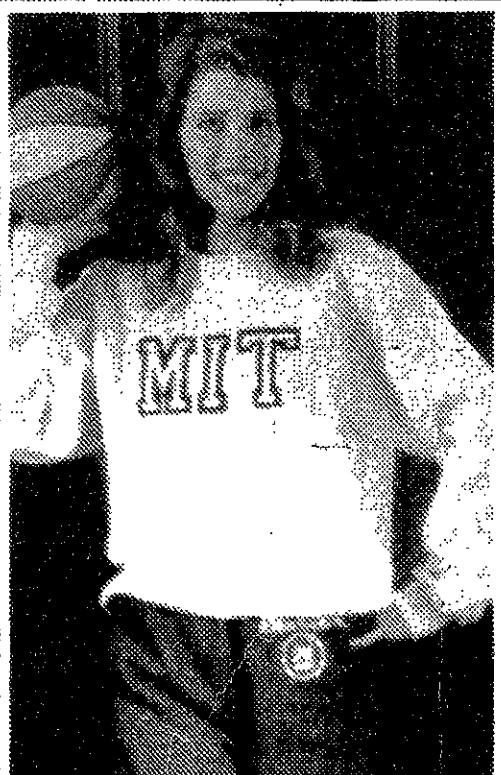
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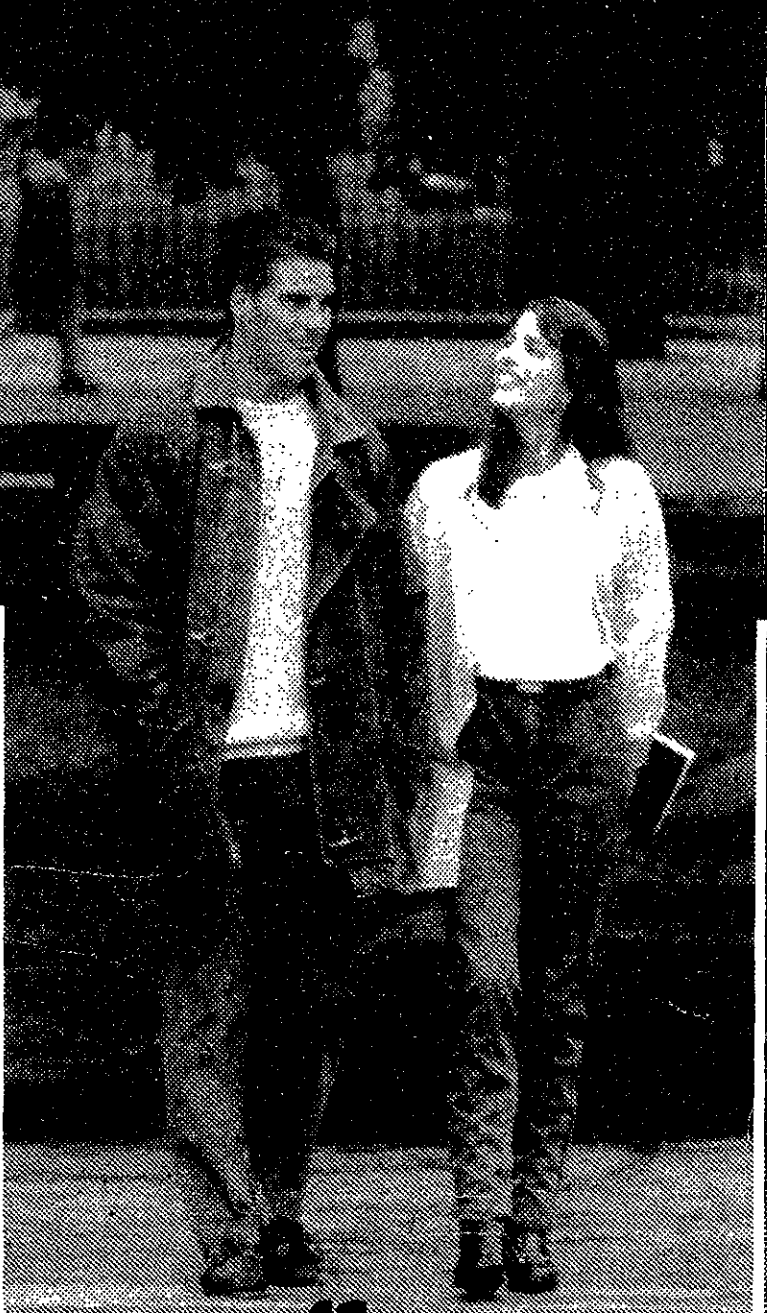


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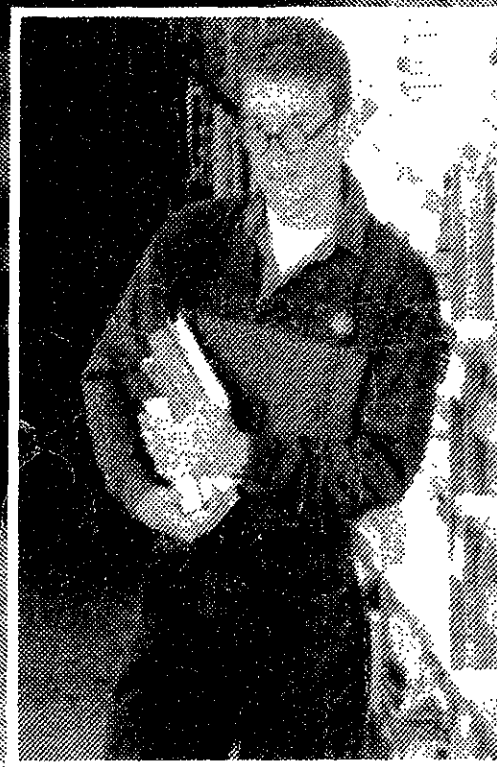
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All day: **Chi Phi.** Come by for an exciting tour of our historic Back Bay mansion.**

All day: **pika.** If you ask Mary nicely, she'll make you something good to drink! Espresso, Cappuccino or just a dark cup of coffee.*

All day: **ΦΚΣ.** Rush doesn't end on Monday like some people think. Drop by SKULLHOUSE to meet the brothers. "We want YOU to go PHI KAPSI!"

5:17a: **Random Hall.** Only 10 hours and 43 minutes of dorm rush—have you checked us out yet?*

6:17a: **Random Hall.** We'll be serving PANCAKES AND FRENCH TOAST all morning long—don't forget to check us out!

7:00a: **ΚΣ.** 7:00 to 11:00 **Kappa Sigma House of Pancakes** Come sample our fine breakfast cuisine.**

7:02a: **Fenway House.** We're still asleep; why aren't you?*

7:17a: **Random Hall.** Pancakes and French toast, yours, stuff to do... Did you win our raffle?*

7:22a: **TEΦ.** Old tire fishing on the Charles.**

7:55a: **Epsilon Theta. FIRST BELL.** Breakfast in five minutes.*

8:00a: **ZBT. 8 AM to 11 AM.** A buffet breakfast will be served, with the **Steak and Eggs special.** You can still choose from all sorts of pancakes, muffins, omelettes, eggs, and much more.**

8:00a: **Nu Delta.** Breakfast is now being served.

8:00a: **Epsilon Theta. BREAKFAST.** Start out with cereal, orange juice, eggs, pancakes, or hash browns. Call 3-8888 for a ride.*

8:00a: **WILG.** Join Pam and Teresa for a morning FUN RUN!

8:00a: **Pi Lam.** Chef Andreas is going strong as he serves up breakfast made to order.**

8:00a: **Baker House.** Bagel Breakfast! Join bakerites for bagels and juice*

8:00a: **New House.** Have a good breakfast at New House — unless you move in, it may be your last chance to try our special pancakes! New House III, first floor.*

8:00a: **Chi Phi.** For you early birds: Come and have a breakfast of coffee and donuts. Eat until you're full, then join our 9:10 breakfast.**

8:00a: **ΦΚΣ.** Breakfast at Phi Kaps. Start your day out right. Call ahead to reserve rollerblades for 2pm.**

8:00a: **Student House.** Pancake breakfast.*

8:12a: **pika.** Come read the New York Times with James, the living legend. No really. We mean it. It's cool. It's hip. It's the future. It's 492-6983. It's the end of this entry.*

8:17a: **Random Hall.** Dorm choices today—have you checked Random? Have some breakfast while you're at it.*

8:30a: **McCormick.** Alright, so you're tired, you're weary — start out the morning right with the 4 food groups. Enjoy breakfast with the RUSH staff at McCormick.*

8:36a: **Number Six.** Morning Jog - Join the health-conscious Sixers in a jog around Boston.*

9:00a: **ΦΚΘ.** BREAKFAST—Another great home style breakfast for all to enjoy. 437-7795.**

9:00a: **Epsilon Theta.** Ping-pong, pinochle, Scrabble, Pictionary, and Cosmic Encounter...and Legos and modeling clay for the less competitive. Call 3-8888 for a ride.*

9:00a: **Burton-Conner.** The Original Homestyle Breakfast. Do you miss Mom's (or Dad's) warm and delicious breakfasts? We can't provide Mom, but come to burton for a home-cooked breakfast in our kitchens!

9:00a: **Next House. HALF-HALO BREAKFAST:** Ah, the scent of light & flaky buttered croissants... What better way to start the day! A taste of France from the friendly folks at Next House.*

9:00a: **MacGregor.** BKFST. Come enjoy OJ, coffee, dunkin' doughnuts, pastries, cereal etc.*

9:00a: **ΦΚΣ.** Haven't gotten a bid yet? Come to SKULLHOUSE for breakfast. Call ahead to reserve rollerblades for 2pm.**

9:02a: **WILG.** Come on over for a fantastic breakfast! You name it, we've got it! Especially French toast!

9:05a: **ΑΔΦ.** Hungry? Too tired to fix your own? Come mooch off us. Feast on Brontosaurus Ribs and Do-do Bird Eggs (translation for those who don't watch the Flintstones: Steak and Eggs, and other breakfast delights). Call 576-2792 and get a free Dino ride.**

9:10a: **Chi Phi.** Enjoy a delicious breakfast of steak and eggs, home fries, pastries, fruits, and juice.**

9:17a: **Random Hall.** Pancakes and French toast, all morning long. Cereal, too!

9:18a: **ΑΕΠ.** Dig in with the ΑΕΠ's. We're doing breakfast again. Eggs, cereal, pancakes, the whole schmeer. Fill up now before it's too late. Call 247-3170 for a ride to our classy eating establishment.*

9:22a: **TEΦ. OMELETTES!** OMELETTES! OMELETTES! Need we say more?*

10:00a: **Nu Delta.** More breakfast at Nu Delta.

10:00a: **Burton-Conner.** Burton Video Marathon Continues! From 8am-5pm, we'll be showing videos for you to enjoy. So, don't forget to stop by!

10:00a: **New House.** Breakfast continues in New House III.*

10:00a: **Phi Delta Theta.** Fun in the sun on Crane's Beach!

10:00a: **Student House.** Swan boating on Boston common. Or, catch the swans there and try to ride them. We'll watch & we'll bail you out if necessary.*

10:02a: **Fenway House.** Eat some fiber! Grape Nuts and Prune Juice for breakfast! Call for an enema: 437-1043*

10:03a: **Fenway House.** ...or not.*

10:08a: **ΑΔΦ.** Wake up to the aroma of fresh roasted beans. Enjoy a slow, relaxing cup of your favorite coffee. Call for rides: 576-JAVA (576-2792).**

10:17a: **Random Hall.** Did you forget us? Come check us out before you make a decision. 290 Massachusetts Avenue.*

10:28a: **Spanish House.** Continental breakfast. It's been a long, hard rush. What should you do? Come join us for breakfast, just me & you! (La familia de La Casa)*

10:30a: **La Maison Française. MANDATORY BRUNCH:** Anyone interested in living in French House "MUST" attend! In our lounge, 5th floor, New House 6.*

10:46a: **Fenway House.** Elvis is alive and well in the back stairs. 437-1043*

11:00a: **ZY.** Canoeing on the Chuck, upriver where the water's actually clean.**

11:00a: **ZBT. GEORGE'S ISLAND CRUISE.** We will be cruising to George's Island in Boston Harbor to relax, play some frisbee and volleyball, picnic for lunch, and explore the dark and intricate passages of the abandoned military fort there.**

11:00a: **ΦΚΘ. BLUE HILLS PICNIC.** Come with us to enjoy a relaxing day with frisbee, softball and great food. 437-7795.**

11:00a: **Senior House. UPPER CLASS AUCTION** Come buy an upper-class person of your very own. Upper-class people can be used to carry heavy things, take you on tours of secret labs, give you help with Athena, and many other creative purposes. Come see.*

11:00a: **WILG.** Grab your credit cards and join us for a shopping frenzy at the outlet malls in Maine! And it's only an hour away! For info call 354-1263...*

11:00a: **Russian House.** Brunch, it's kind of like breakfast, it's kind of like lunch, but you'll get a good meal and a slice of melon at the end.*

11:00a: **German House.** Mandatory brunch for all people interested in German House. We will be explaining how the house functions, including expectations of house members. Be sure to be there if you plan to rank German House anywhere on your housing preference form. If you can't make it, stop by later or call John Ito at 5-7667.*

11:01a: **German House.** Erforderliches Brunch fuer alle, die an dem Deutschen Haus interessiert sind. Wir erklaren Dir was Du von uns erwarten kannst, und Dir erwarten werden. Wenn Du nicht da sein kannst, bitte besuche von dir erwarten werden. Wenn Du nicht da (5-7667), uns bevor 18:00 Uhr, oder rufe John Ito anrufen (5-7667).*

11:06a: **Number Six.** Walden Pond - Sun and hike around the forest preserved pond. Come up for lunch along the beach, and if you're hot, dive in.*

11:17a: **Random Hall. GO ROCK CLIMBING** in a local area with some of our very experienced climbers. Beginners welcome—it won't be too hard.*

11:18a: **ΑΕΠ.** Drop on by and rap with the ΑΕΠ. Come down and talk to the brothers about politics, sports, classes, or whatever you like. 247-3170 is the number to call for a ride and your own platform.*

11:19a: **Fenway House.** The Museum of Science. It's fun. It's also free, if you bring your temporary ID. 437-1043*

11:19a: **MacGregor.** While trying to make your final decision on where to live come meet our residents and enjoy a BBQ.*

11:22a: **TEΦ.** The crash of the waves! The warm sun on your skin! Sand in your shorts! What could be more fun? Come to the beach! 262-5090 for rides. Lunch provided.**

11:30a: **Nu Delta.** Come to Plum Island Beach with us for windsurfing, volleyball, and catching some rays.

11:37a: **Fenway House. TIE-DYING** continues continuing! Shirts, dyes, hands of all colors. 437-1043*

12:00p: **Senior House. ELEPHANT IN THE COURTYARD** Come see.*

12:00p: **Theta Chi.** Come to BLUE HILLS to barbecue, throw the ball, toss the disc, or just hang out. Call 267-1801 for more information.

12:00p: **Epsilon Theta. LUNCH IN BOSTON COMMONS.** Fried chicken, veggies. Afterwards we'll feed the birds and maybe fly kites. Ultimate frisbee and juggling in the park. Call 3-8888 for a ride.*

12:00p: **Burton-Conner.** Are you tired of BBQ's and Steak dinners? We know what you need - come to Burton's Finger Lickin' Picnic Lunch!

12:00p: **Pi Lam.** The Pi Lams are going to Lake Cochituate State Park to enjoy a beautiful day by the water. Picnic, BBQ, sports, it will all be there. Call 267-4935 for a ride.**

12:00p: **Next House. JAKE MAKES LUNCH:** A real-live Mexican feast, served up by our real-live New-Mexican Next-House Residents, Jake and Bill! @Jake & Bill know Salsa. Come try some!

12:00p: **Baker House.** Barbecue! Join us for a barbecue and Volleyball!

12:00p: **ΚΣ. 12:00 to 4:30 Shiah Kabob at Kappa Sigma.** Come hang out with the brothers and have some great food.**

12:00p: **ΦΚΣ.** Hurl water balloons at your favorite Phi Kap brothers and drench passers by. The ultimate water balloon fight.**

12:00p: **Student House.** Women's Heritage Trail! There's the regular freedom trail, the Afro-American one, and then there's the feminists. Learn of the amazing women who've made Boston what it is and shaped America's history, information which is usually ignored in classrooms and textbooks. This could be your ONLY chance to hear this!

12:01p: **Fenway House.** Board games! Call for a ride—437-1043*

12:01p: **WILG.** Come join us at WILG for home made PIZZA! Grab a slice, sit and chat!

12:17p: **Random Hall.** Come make DELI SANDWICHES from a wide variety of meats and cheeses.*

12:18p: **ΑΕΠ.** Alpha Epsilon Pi is heading out to famous Boston Commons park for a picnic on the grass. 247-3170 is the number to call for a meal, a ride, and a turn throwing the frisbee.*

12:27p: **Chi Phi.** Yeah, yeah, lobsters may be good for lunch but I'm sure you would prefer a nice, thick, juicy hamburger, with homemade potato salad, all prepared by our own culinary master.*

1:00p: **ZY.** More canoeing on the Charles.**

1:00p: **Epsilon Theta.** Bubble blowing from our roof. Do you say "rufe" or "ruff"?*

1:00p: **Phi Beta. CANOE TRIP** Have the time of your life.**

1:00p: **Russian House.** Come and relax with the Russkis! Games and snacks.*

1:00p: **New House.** Schizophrenic Feeding Frenzy - It's one of your last chances for free food during rush, and we're catering to all tastes! We will have everything from Twinkies and Ho-Hos to carrot sticks and celery in the Arcade of New House. Don't miss it!

1:00p: **pika.** Anne touring the Artificial Intelligence Lab. Come along and gawk at the wizardry. Call for a robo-ride 492-4983.*

1:00p: **McCormick.** Mild for wimps, Super Hot for the more daring! Wing-it with the women of McCormick! (Men are invited too!)*

1:01p: **pika.** Jenn's really excited about this cool poster store that she's visited. Find out if it lives up to the legend. call us at 492-6983*

1:04p: **WILG.** Join us for a MOVIE MARATHON! And while catching a flick, build yourself some great nachos!

1:13p: **Chi Phi.** You can work off that lunch by coming to Chi Phi and joining our various sports events: ultimate frisbee, basketball, soccer, or football.**

1:17p: **Random Hall. ULTIMATE FRISBEE** at University Park.*

1:22p: **TEΦ.** Come to the Science Museum and watch the lightning bolts! See the Russian space crafts which didn't crash and play with silly science toys. Bring your temporary MIT ID if you still know where it is. 262-5090 for rides**

1:37p: **pika.** Arboretum time. Rush got you stressed? Come chill out with lots of trees. Visit the arboretum with Julie and Scott. 492-6983*

1:43p: **Fenway House.** Lunch lame-ness. Ramen noodles and frozen pasta! 437-1043*

2:00p: **ΦΚΘ. RELAX** at PKT you can participate in croquet, frisbee, and catching some rays while consuming fluids to stay cool. 437-7795.**

2:00p: **Next House. CHILL OUT:** Water slides and water war and water water water! You've had a hectic Rush... now CHILL OUT at Next House!

2:00p: **ΦΚΣ.** Rollerblade around Boston with our D-league hockey team. Reservations preferred, but not required. Call 536-3683.

2:02p: **Spanish House.** Join us for a trip to Chinatown! Be a tourist for a day and have lunch with La Casa.*

2:02p: **pika.** They say that pretzels make your hair curly, but bread crusts lie. Come find out the truth. Make and eat pretzels at pika. call the pretzelmobile: 492-6983*

2:17p: **Random Hall.** THE AMAZING 3-D MAZE race. Even the old-timers get lost! Come try this phenomenal race to our front desk!

2:18p: **Fenway House.** More gratuitous painting of structural members! Come count the bristles in a paintbrush. 437-1043*

2:30p: **ΑΔΦ. ULTIMATE FRISBEE!** Come throw around the disc with an Angel and a Spark. (No we didn't torch the baseball team or some guy with wings and a halo.) Actually, they're just two of our best players and Alumni of the house. Call for rides: 57-FRIZ-B (576-2792).**

2:30p: **German House.** It's not too late to stop by German House; if it's your first visit, please be sure to speak with John Ito or Isabel Wang.*

2:39p: **Chi Phi.** Head on over to the Museum of Science with the brothers and friends of Chi Phi.

2:57p: **Fenway House.** Come ride our bikes! Or just walk. We're exploring the Esplanade. Call for a ride (or a walk) -437-1043*

3:00p: **Epsilon Theta. CANDLE-MAKING.** Tall ones, short ones, red ones, blue ones...come learn with Leanne. Call 3-8888 for a ride.*

3:00p: **New House.** You only have an hour before you have to turn in your dormitory preference cards, but you can still meet the folks at New House in the New House Arcade. And we'll still be offering one of the wildest combination of foods you'll ever see in one place!

3:00p: **McCormick.** Who can pass up a sundae or better yet a brownie sundae

with all the toppings?? I didn't think so! We'll see you at McCormick.*

3:03p: **pika.** Salt clay. Is 'salt' being used as a noun or a verb? Will the Democrats finally triumph in November? Just what is going on here? We don't know either, but if you drop by, we'll try and sort it out. 492-6983.*

3:04p: **pika.** 'Salt Clay' really is the name of the event.*

3:09p: **pika.** Store in a cool dark place. Read operator's manual before using. Keep out of reach of children. Handle an open container with care. Go rollerblading with ert. Part #492-6983.*

3:10p: **pika.** Why sleep when you can be awake? Why be awake when you can stand? Why stand when you can walk? Why walk when you can run? Why run when you can ROLLERBLADE!! whoo! Come rollerblading with ert!!*

3:17p: **Random Hall.** Only 43 minutes left, and you may have forgotten the greatest, most Random people at MIT.*

3:22p: **TEΦ.** Come set off car alarms in the Back Bay with the brothers of TEPI!**

3:23p: **TEΦ.** Get a first-hand look at the inside of Boston's fine penitentiary with the brothers of TEP for setting off car alarms!**

3:31p: **Fenway House.** What movie should we watch next? Come break a deadlock. 437-1043*

3:51p: **ΑΔΦ.** Come throw pennies at our treasurer Dan. If chucking Lincoln's at Dan doesn't float your boat, then take one of our tours of Harvard Square, skipping that brick building up the river a bit. Call 5-NO-YAHD (576-2792).**

3:58p: **Fenway House. Croquet** in The Fens. We'll provide the flamingos. 437-1043*

4:00p: **pika.** Egg Rolls. Not just rolls, not just eggs. Somehow, in the synthesis, we achieve something more. Experience it for yourself, make 'em & eat 'em. 492-6983*

4:16p: **pika.** It all started with dinosaurs and Andy. But now, you too can join in the puzzle making fun! Make intricate and wily little puzzles to confuse even the greatest minds at MIT! Drawing skills not req'd. 492-6983*

4:22p: **TEΦ.** Come bail the TEP's out of jail after their silly excursion to set off car alarms!**

4:47p: **Fenway House.** Have a bowl-bowling. Call 437-1043 for a ride.*

5:00p: **Nu Delta.** Come by and have dinner with us and shoot some pool.

5:00p: **Next House. LEFTOVERS BBQ:** Whatever we've got left, we'll cook it up & serve it! Come to Next House and help us finish off all this FOOD...*

5:55p: **Epsilon Theta. FIRST BELL.** Five minutes till dinner.*

5:57p: **Fenway House.** 5:57p: Come play with our phones. Push the buttons. Look at all the pretty lights. 437-1043*

6:00p: **ZBT. ITALIAN BUFFET.** Served from 6 to 7:30, our chef goes overboard with a dizzying selection of antipasto, lasagne, pasta, garlic bread, and chicken dishes.**

6:00p: **Epsilon Theta. SPAGHETTI DINNER.** A little messy, but delicious. Call 3-8888 for a ride.*

6:00p: **WILG. Ole!** Mexican dinner at WILG! Stop on by...*

6:00p: **Pi Lam.** Come to Pi Lambda Phi for an authentic taste of Italy, chicken parmigian and pasta. There'll be hardly any room for dessert.**

6:00p: **ΚΣ. 6:00-???** **Swordfish and Scallops** A seafood favorite, come have some swordfish and scallops while meeting the brothers of **Kappa Sigma**.**

6:00p: **Chi Phi.** Come to Chi Phi and enjoy a backyard cookout. Enjoy bbq ribs and chicken, pasta salad, corn on the cob, and watermelon. After that feast, ice cream sundae.**

6:00p: **ΦΚΣ.** Think everyone eats steak and lobster every day? Sit around the table and eat a real dinner cooked by our regular chef, Ed Wood. A truly memorable part of the Phi Kap experience.

6:00p: **Student House.** Dinner. Totally amazing food.*

6:01p: **pika.** Dinnertime. Eat curry with Scott (Actually, it's eating curry with various spices 'n' stuff; Scott made it, and he'll hang with you while you eat it.) Need a ride? 492-6983. Need a car? Buy your own.*

6:22p: **TEΦ.** It's Monday night and so we're having an Italian dinner. Yes just a dinner, not a feast or extravaganza. Mama mia!**

6:30p: **ΑΔΦ.** Rub-a-dub-dub: thank us for the grub. Call 5-MORE-FOOD (576-2792).**

6:30p: **Chi Phi.** What's going on? Shh!! It's a surprise for a brother. Come over and find out.**

7:00p: **ΑΔΦ. BASKETBALL!** Need we say more? Yes, we do. Come strut your stuff, i.e. shoot hoops and become Larry Bird's replacement. Games will be played from 7-9, so stop by or call at anytime: 57-SWISH (576-2792).**

7:00p: **Nu Delta.** Hang out in Boston with us, or just hang out on the roof and listen to tunes if you like.

7:00p: **Epsilon Theta. COOKIE-BAKING.** Chocolate chips, peanut butter, sugar cookies. Lots of milk in the fridge. Call 3-8888 for a ride.*

7:07p: **pika.** Make a candle shaped like George Bush, and win the remainder of our rush budget. Make a candle shaped like a candle, and win a candle. It's actually candlemaking. Get it? 492-6983*

7:21p: **Fenway House.** Granny Berlandi's Spaghetti. Come see what it's all about. Call for a ride, we'll be there in a jiffy. 437-1043*

7:22p: **Fenway House.** ...that is, if you tell us just how long a jiffy is.*

7:53p: **Fenway House.** Come join us as we sing fun, happy, dippy, and repetitive folk songs. Bill sings and plays the guitar! 437-1043*

7:55p: **Chi Phi.** Cool off the day (and night) by taking a dip in the ocean at the beach.**

8:00p: **ZBT. GRAND PRIX GO-CART RACING.** Come race your friends in these speedy, scaled-down Grand Prix formula race-cars (go-carts) and race track. These cars are fast and fun — they'll go 55 mph on a straghtaway; valid driver's license is required.**

8:00p: **Baker House.** Movies in the lobby or ROOF! (weather permitting)*

8:00p: **pika.** Build things with legos. Build an egg roll, or a pretzel, or a guitar, or Dan Quayle, or a rocket ship, or a scale replica of the parthenon. 492-6983*

8:01p: **pika.** We do have lots of really really cool legos. Maria even has a pirate ship made out of 'em (Ahooy!).*

8:21p: **Fenway House.** Shampoo and Dry Ice at Fenway! Call for a ride—437-1043*

8:22p: **TEΦ.** Come explore the North End with TEPs as we try to find cannolies to completalian experience. 262-5090 for rides**

8:47p: **Chi Phi.** If the beach is not your thing, come to Chi Phi and we'll show you a breathtaking view of Boston from the Prudential Building.**

9:00p: **Nu Delta.** Darts, pool, movies, tunes - sound good? Come by and hang out with us.*

9:00p: **Theta Chi.** PARTY AT THETA CHI *** Escape the pressures of Rush and help us Rock the House at the first party of the year. Call 267-1801 for more info.**

9:00p: **Pi Lam.** Party! Party! Party! Need we say more? Come to Pi Lambda Phi Call 267-4935 for a ride.**

9:00p: **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.*

9:30p: **Sigma Phi Epsilon.** Sig Ep Rock the House Party*

9:30p: **Epsilon Theta. EVENING CROQUET.** We don't really know the rules either. Call 3-8888 for a ride.*

10:43p: **Fenway House.** They grow and grow and grow. Come meet our shrimp chips. 437-1043*

11:22p: **TEΦ.** Monday Night Hot Cocoa! It's a TEP tradition (no, nobody said "tuition"). We have sugar, spice, and everything nice (salt, cholesterol and calories)**

1:43a: **Fenway House.** It's long and yet short. It's five different colors all at the same time. Its texture varies. What is it?*

1:46a: **Fenway House.** Give up yet? It's our hair. Come play with it! 437-1043*

2:11a: **Fenway House.** I Scream Or Geell? 437-1043*

2:34a: **Fenway House.** Son of Oobleck. 437-1043*

3:11a: **Fenway House.** THINGS GO WILD!!*

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: **Joint Christian RO.** Christian Book Table. Lobby 10 from 10 am to 2 pm.*

12:00p: **WMBR.** Be a DJ! Save the world! Join WMBR's DJs as they spin music live from the steps of the Stratton Student Center from 12 noon to 4 pm. Also find out more about WMBR 88.1, the non-commercial radio station located at MIT's Walker Memorial Hall.*

7:00p: **Korean Christian Fellowship.** KCF Movie night. Next House.*

7:00p: **Chinese Students Club. OPEN HOUSE.** Meet in the CSC library on the fourth floor of the Student Center. Ice cream will be served.*

7:30p: **Chinese Bible Fellowship.** Sundaes, ice cream, yum, yum! New House 3 lounge. CCF and CBF will try to have food available until 9:30pm.*

7:30p: **Chinese Christian Fellowship.** ICE CREAM NITE at New House 3 lounge. Come eat with CBF and CCF. All welcome!

8:00p: **Science Fiction Society.** Watch The Hitchiker's Guide to the Galaxy on our incredibly large TV!*

Notices

All day: **Elsewhere. LOUNGE IS OPEN!!!** Reading room, Student Center.*

8:00a: Freshmen may accept ILG bids.*

9:00a: **Dormitory Preference Selection** Input your permanent housing choices at the R/O Center. All entries must be in by 4:00pm.*

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 UAAO: 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.