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By Hyun Soo Kim

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Clinton Names Three from MIT To Science Advisory Committee

By Daniel C. Stevenson

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Vest, Professor Philip A. Sharp, head of the department of biology and 1993 Nobel laureate, and Professor of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences Mario J. Molina, are three of the 18 members on the President's Committee of Advisers on Science and Technology.

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Eventhough the news story involves multiple topics, including weather, politics, and humanitarian efforts, the core of the story revolves around the events in Cuba. The article mentions the impact of the weather on the flow of refugees and the ethics of government actions.

### Weather:

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### U.S. Humanitarian Task Force Begins Gradual Withdrawal

The deployment was down from a high of 280 and will steadily decrease, according to businessmen and diplomats.

Despite some of the programs in the plan to attempt to slow the growth by improving the economic and social status of women, expanding access to birth control and family planning advice, increasing literacy and improving healthcare for children.

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- **Weather Humidity to Return**

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Health Care Reform WillWait For Labor Day Senate Recess

By Amy Deasy and Dan Pfeiffer

WASHINGTON

Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell, D-Maine, said Thursday that the Senate will recess without enacting health care legislation, effectively ending any chance of fulfilling President Clinton's hopes for comprehensive reform this year.

Both Mitchell and Clinton Thursday said the recess until after Labor Day does not mean the end of health care. Democrats and Republicans across the political spectrum, including some of the president's most powerful defenders and many White House officials, said the epic legislative battle that began last fall when Clinton delivered to Congress his ambitious reform plan is now effectively over.

Most agreed that the only remaining hope is for modest regulatory measures and perhaps low-income subsidies when Congress reconvenes in September.

"There's a growing consensus that an incremental approach is all we can do," said Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn., who has supported Clinton-style change. "A very legitimate question is, can you even do that? The clock is the 10th senator and has tremendous power around here, with elections" just weeks after Congress is scheduled to return.

"The momentum has been hub-capped, when you have to face facts, has come this week," said Harriett Ford, D-Pa., whose 1991 upset victory propituated the health care issue into the election. "A quarter of a century of broad-based reform, including the even the unspoken view sought by Clinton, Wofford said Thursday he believes a much sealed-back bill could pass and would be a "historic first installment" that the president should sign.

Part of what stranded the White House hopes was the draw-out combat for a health bill, which dragged Clinton and many of his aides into a two-week battle, first in the House and then in the Senate. Their vacation was taken away, senators on both sides of the aisle pressed hard to get home once the civic bill was dead. About what would health care reform is now officially dead, Clinton said Thursday, "I wouldn't say that." In deference to Mitchell's efforts to continue informal discussions over the Labor Day recess, he added, "I think we're too close to call".

But privately, several officials involved in the White House acknowledged that whatever may emerge from here on will be so far from what the president once envisioned as to leave him with no choice but to opt for "theing it at birth and calling for E a new Congress with a fresh outlook." A senior official said this week that Clinton and his aids have been "politically gaming" what to do about their last hopes for major reform, with Clinton opposed to what he calls "call-a-cure" that do more harm to the health care system than good. The president and his aids have had several discussions about formally calling for a separation of health care in this session of Congress, but have opted in deference to Mitchell to avoid making the decision to totally throw in the towel until after the recess.

The biggest surprise was that chimps from West Africa are genetically distinct from chimps in Central and East Africa, so much so that the Georgia State University economist estimated last week that the flood would have a $1 billion economic impact in the area and $2 billion in damage to uninsured property and $200 million in agriculture. In Albany, a city of 80,000 people, the flood has been described as a "seismic" event, "nothing like we've ever seen before," said Mayor Mary Rentz.

South-central Albany is a ghost town. Who knew where the people have gone, but their houses sit abandoned. For mile after endless mile, the homes squatted beneath a merciless sun, flooded. Some have tumbled down, half swallowed by gigantic sinkholes. That this was the worst floods ravaged southwest Georgia and parts of Alabama and Florida, the bittersweet task of rebuilding in this, the hardest hit section of the hardest hit town, has barely begun.

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Scientists Studying Chimp DNA Believe There May Be New Species

WASHINGTON

U.S. District Judge Harold H. Greene Thursday struck down the last major roadblock to AT&T Corp.'s acquisition of the country's largest cellular telephone company.

The $12.6 billion battle of McCaw Cellular Communications Inc. still must be approved by the Federal Communications Commission. But Greene's action and a decision by the Justice Department last month removed the most threatening obstacles to the long-distance telephone giant's attempt to build a nationwide communications network.

Greene had ruled in April that the proposed purchase would violate a 1992 court order that broke up the Bell telephone system. But Thursday he granted a partial waiver from the order, allowing the deal to proceed.

The decision freed AT&T from the local calling business of the Bell telephone companies and prohibited it from owning assets in those companies. That posed a problem for the acquisition because McCaw's cellular telephone properties in Houston and Los Angeles are owned jointly by the cellular firm and the local telephone companies.

Even in the most optimistic forecast, many of the other nations would see significant rises in their populations. By the end of the century, the United States and Canada would each add an average of nearly 100 million people. By then, the world's population would be more than 9 billion. By 2100, it will be about 12 billion. The U.S. will have added 200 million people to the world total. The world will add more people in the next 50 years than it did in the last 50 years. The U.S. will add more people in the next 10 years than it did in the last 10 years. The world will add more people in the next 5 years than it did in the last 5 years.
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OPINION

Rush Only Happens Once So Enjoy It

Column by Rachel B. Chitaley

Assuming that you've rushed actually taken the time to read anything in this newspaper, by the time you read this it will have probably already started. But that okay, because rush lasts for at least a couple of weeks and it's never going to last long. Personally, I can't wait for it to end. And for a while.

Some might think rushing is a waste of time, but it's not. You enjoy it while it lasts. You can only really experience this event once, so you may as well milk it for all it's worth. Of course you've probably spent a lot of money on food, you're probably doing something you're not used to doing every day, you're trying to keep up with your friends, and one of the cafeterias (Hey dude, the food looks so good! And there's such a great selection.)

That being said, there's always a downside. By this point, you should be eating for nutrition and not for a throng of people to follow. The last thing you want to do is shock your friends with a meal-accepting food vendor anytime soon.

Another thing: If you've set up as an Athena account and check your e-mail 11 times a day, then that's a lot. Wait at least two weeks into the term before doing something like that. (But if I just wanted to get out of the dorm, it would be a different story.) Good point, I say, but you'd better offer good excuses before you can start doing it.

If you've signed up for a bank account just because you have a roommate who had one last year, but it's worth saying again: be yourself. Maybe you haven't met many people yet, or people are just not that great. Or perhaps you are substituting for a real MIT freshman who had to be somewhere else? It's not the end of the world.

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FRESHMEN CAN FIND SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF LIVING GROUPS

Hilary, from Page 4

You should tell you that you're not welcome. I view more a practical stand on the issue: No, flushing is not a nice thing, but yes, you have survive, you can excel and have a damn good time doing it. To quote The Oatmeal Guy, "It's the right thing to do and a sassy way to do it." (I don't quote him very often, honestly.)

My fourth suggestion is the one I believe most strongly. Don't believe anyone who says you can't succeed at MIT outside of a particular living group. This is what I hate about rush. Hundreds of people going around telling freshmen that MIT is an evil that crushes you. Hundreds of people going around telling you that you're not welcome. I don't know about you, but my parents taught me that you should tell you that you're not welcome. I don't know about you, but my parents taught me that you don't want to live with people whose only job is to get you through life and all-around nice guy. (Also ask him to

Keyser, former associate provost for institute research opportunities program supervisor, feel free to ask them for help too. Many of them were MIT undergraduates themselves who still have the battle scars to show off.

The point is this: living groups shouldn't use the threat of a bad MIT experience to convince you to join them.

My final suggestion is the most important and the most cliched: have fun. I don't want to be maudlin, but these days are hard to duplicate. MIT will not be the same after this week. You will be teased about kings and queens for the next week or so. Eat all the free meals you can get your hands on, even if you never intend to live at that house. Trust me, after next week, asking upperclassmen for a steak and lobster dinner (medium well) will get you a drunk from the Charles. That's it — my quick and dirty suggestions for rush. As for me, I'll be sitting back with a remote in one hand and an ice cold beverage in the other. If you happen to stop by, close the door behind you because your sir/conditioner will be on high.

Have a good Rush and welcome to MIT!
R/O Survey Results Decided Activities for Current Week

By Hung Le

The results of a Residence and Orientation Week survey conducted last year aided in the planning of this year's R/O, said Associate Dean of Undergraduate Affairs Mary Z. Enterline.

The UAA administered the survey last year on Orientation Day. It asked freshmen for their reactions to the various R/O week activities, such as the Academic Preview and City Days.

The survey "basically asked them [for some demographic information], to rate it, how was it a good sample, and it asked them to evaluate all the different programs and rate them [on a five point scale] between 'Very Unworthwhile' and 'Not At All Worthwhile,'" Enterline said. Students also had the option of answering "Did Not Participate."

Poor ratings kill some activities

The survey results helped R/O coordinators decide which activities to continue. For example, the "Breakfast with Professors" was eliminated due to low ratings, according to Enterline. The Academic Preview was also eliminated due to lack of interest.

In addition, the survey results influenced the decision to eliminate the Academic Convocation. "We tried different formats and the decision was based on three years of data," Enterline said.

On the other hand, the survey data was also used as an endorsement to continue certain R/O activities. Project MOYA (Move Off Your Assumptions) and City Days both benefited from high ratings.

"If MOYA had not gotten a continued good rating, then we would eliminate it," Enterline said.

Furthermore, survey data revealed which activities needed to be improved.

"There was a big difference [in ratings] with the R/O counselors' meeting, and we tried to improve the training of the counselors," Enterline said.

Although student feedback was definitely considered, Entertline emphasized that feedback emphasized that emphasis from the R/O counselors, as well as committee reports from previous years, were all important in this year's R/O planning process.

"The survey gave us a perspective of what students found useful," said R/O Chair Johnani Swami '95. However, "we took the information with a grain of salt," she said.

The UAA will not be polling freshmen this year according to Enterline.

Fresh liked activities overall

The survey data revealed that students considered most of the activities to be worthwhile, Enterline said. "There wasn't anything that had less than 50 percent participation, and many got more than 70 percent participation," she said.

Enterline also said that the international and minority students found the majority of the activities worthwhile.

Highly-rated activities included the Rush Kickoff in Killian Court and the Keynote Speech in Kresge Auditorium. The Academic Preview "seemed to have high enough satisfaction to continue," Enterline said.

City Days received higher ratings than in previous years. Enterline added.

Swamy believes that these activities received high ratings because they help freshmen feel welcome and adjust to the MIT environment.

"MOYA gives them the opportunity to make 12 other acquaintances without knowing them," City Days in their first opportunities to continue public service," said Swamy.

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So why not consider joining the Peace Corps? It's a great way to make a difference and to experience new cultures and ways of life. You can help make a difference in the world while also learning new skills and building lasting friendships.
Smith Advises Freshmen on Choices, Consequences

Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Arthur C. Smith talked yesterday at the President's Convocation in Kresge Auditorium. The following transcript has been edited slightly.

I have a couple of words to say first about choices and consequences. One of the things we try to do at MIT is to give you lots of choices. Sometimes they are obvious to you. For example you're going to start very shortly an important choice on where you're going to live. You may have noticed if you talked to your friends from high school about that this is not the way the university they go to does it. At least that's generally true. All the students I know who are going elsewhere knew in the middle of the summer that they were going to live in Room 215 in Adams Hall with someone who they knew - but that's all they knew. We decided quite some time ago that that really was what we wanted to start MIT students out on their own career. We want you to choose. We want you to think about it. What is the choice in and what its consequences are.

It's not a choice that's going to be made for you by your peers, in fact, a lot of people believe that all students have made the choice rather like where they live. They often live there for four years. But it is a choice and it is one we ask you to make. We will not give you time enough to make it. We will not give you all the information you need. We are simulating real life.

I can tell you for sure it would make your parents more comfortable if they knew where your room was now and could move in with you and get all your stuff together. Of course you would have to consent to it and get your own. That is a choice that has consequences. Use good sense and it will be a good choice.

You have some other choices to make academically. You get to choose your major. You get to choose how many units you take - after the first year. You can choose to do your assignments or put them. You can choose whether to go to class. You can choose whether to stay awake or fall asleep. All of those choices have some consequences. Use good sense and you'll do alright.

You have some choices in lifestyle. No one is going to tell you when to get up. No one is going to tell you when to go to sleep. No one will clean your room. No one will tell you in time to eat, or what did you have for dinner tonight. No one will give you good advice about what other substances you might ingest and in what amounts. All of those decisions, all those choices have consequences. Use good sense and you'll be alright.

I hope everyone gets to choose a lifestyle that involves some exercise. MIT has a lot of opportunities for that and I know that it's kept the nane for over 35 years to play squash three mornings a week. You can find your own way of doing it, but I recommend it highly in this particular environment.

I also recommend activities with others. Quite often your education is limiting you to a somewhat solitary and perhaps even selfish activity. There are lots of opportunities to do things with other people. We have assembled with you in this room probably the most impressive collection of people you will ever be together with for four years. Take advantage of them, do things with them and for them.

Let me move from choices and consequences to a few quick words on what I call real life. People often refer to the non-academic world outside the boundaries of MIT as the real world. That has some virtue, I suppose, but it has some implications which say that while you are at MIT it's not real. I just want to be sure you remember that a lot of real life goes on.

If you choose to cross Mass Avenue against the light, you may find yourself facing some consequences you didn't intend. Since I expect to see 95 percent of you on this morning that Chuck-allied to in Killian Court, I hope you won't go for that.

Also, my office looks out on the crossing of Mass. Avenue, and I have a pretty delicate stomach. Extrapolate that to matters of your personal safety where and when you walk in Cambridge and its environs. What happens when you have unprotected sex and the risk of AIDS. There are all sorts of real things that haven't been put on hold just because you are a student at MIT.

We had an unfortunate incident a few years ago where everybody had a good deal of concern for public safety. And I heard a student say, "Hey! It's MIT's job to keep you safe." No. You have a responsibility for yourself, there's only so much we can do. Keep that in mind. You have responsibility for yourself and you have actions to take.

Also there will be things that happen outside of MIT which will affect you. I had a student, an advisee, who came into my office one day and said, "My younger brother is in Beirut. They're bombing the city. What can I do?" I didn't have the answer to that crucial question. We talked. And, in fact, we eventually worked out a way to get him back home for a while to be with his family.

Just last year one of my advisees came back from Christmas, and I said, "How did it go?" She said, "Your personal safety where and when you walk in Cambridge and its environs. What happens when you have unprotected sex and the risk of AIDS. There are all sorts of real things that haven't been put on hold just because you are a student at MIT." I didn't have the answer to that crucial question. We talked. And, in fact, we eventually worked out a way to get him back home for a while to be with his family.

Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Arthur C. Smith advises freshmen yesterday. 

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Vest Tells Freshmen of Challenges, Expectations at MIT

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someone missed your SAT scores. Who is the next New Man at MIT because we believe that you have the intellectual capability, energy, and personal will to succeed and to contribute to the world.

As you get to know each other, you will quickly sense what a wide variety of perspectives and experiences you bring to MIT. This can be one of the most enlightening parts of your education here. You have a remarkable opportunity to get to know — and learn from — those whose experience and outlook are very different from your own. If you seize this opportunity, you can become a much stronger position to help build the communities of the next century.

If you make these connections in the context of the packet you received yesterday on a guide to Studies in Racism, Ethnic and Cultural Differences. This booklet includes a listing of some 80 subjects that deal with some aspect of cultural awareness, ethnic diversity, and race relations. You will be surprised at the richness of these offerings, and I strongly encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities as you proceed through your undergraduate years at MIT.

An opportunity to expand your experiences in a way that connects with the larger world will be presented on Tuesday, May 12, when the City Days Festival will take place. This is a Toy Giving and Art Show. It is an excellent opportunity to meet with citizens from your own hometown — Cambridge. This may take the form of working with elementary school students, assisting in homeless shelters, or working in soup kitchens. We hope that the spirit of City Days will extend beyond this event — and that many of you will join the LINKS program to work with elementary schools throughout the year. This is another important and rewarding program for hundreds of our students over the past few years.

Why are you here? and where you are going...

Now let me say a bit more about why you are here — and where you are going...

You are here to learn. You are here to discover your talents. You are here because you know of MIT's reputation as one of the greatest universities in the world. This reputation is deserved, but MIT is foremost in the world focused primarily on science and engineering. For you, this is more than that. For the MIT community, MIT is our place. It is a place in which the humanities are central to the educational experience; it is the world of social sciences; it is a place where architecture and urban planning is; it is a place whose management school is setting the standards for organizations of the twenty-first century.

Now all universities look and sound similar. The chances are you will be in issues of the present. And they all say the same about the future. But MIT is nearly unique in the intensity of our engagement with contemporary issues, the strength and effectiveness of our partnerships in extending the frontiers of knowledge, and the vision that we have developed for the future. MIT is a place of learning, discovery, and invention. It is a community of learning. Now that is not just a tired phrase; it describes a vital, organic system of teaching, research, and service to which everyone can contribute.

Education at MIT does not consist of learning and knowledge presented along known facts of students. Of course, there is a basis of disciplined, rigorous learning, as expected. But beyond that, through fresh perspectives, design teams, design projects, research groups, reading and discussion, hands-on experiences, computer programming, artistic and musical performances, discussions on the Athena network, and a wide variety of competitions, you will learn and synthesize in many different ways. A surprising number of MIT students have won UROP (the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program) and end up contributing in some way at the cutting-edge of science, technology and the arts.

Let me give you an example. Undoubtedly most of you followed with great excitement the recent observations of the impact of the diamond-anvil cell with laser light. Hopefully most of you noted that the team that obtained the fantastic result was made up of Richard Shoemaker, Edward Peace and I, and that in a short notice. But what we can say is: this is an important role in the Houston observatory was played by Jennifer Mills, who will be a graduate student at the UROP student of Dr. Hammel's, who will be a graduate student at the UROP student of Dr. Hammel's.

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