Dorm Lottery Starts Strong

By Jeremy Hylton

Clearinghouse. Freshmen were supposed to begin submitting their electronic housing lottery forms at 4 p.m. yesterday, but S. Anders Oakland, the program’s creator, turned the program on half-an-hour early. By the time of the official start, 80 freshmen had already logged in and entered their preferences. "Things are going well," said Oakland, a programmer for Information Systems. "Freshmen are very enthusiastic.

By 6 p.m. more than 280 of the approximately 1,110 freshmen had entered their choices. The program, developed over the last three months, uses a graphical interface to let freshmen enter their dormitory preferences and submit them electronically. The program will be available for freshmen until 3 p.m. today, and students can change their choices at any time until then, Oakland said.

Students ran the program by typing "add forms; floorprint &" from their personal Athena accounts. A few students had trouble using the system, but the problems were not caused by the program, Oakland said. He said a pair of freshmen had trouble with the roommate feature, which allows groups of students to

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New Check-in Easier With Clearinghouse

By Eric Richard

Clearinghouse, the system used to keep track of rushees, was redesigned this summer because of changes in the Athena Computing Environment.

The new system functions in exactly the same way, "but moves much faster in a theoretically more accurate... and makes rush as a whole seem much better," said David J. Dunn ’94. Clearinghouse and Interfraternity Council Judicial Committee Chair.

The software had to be completely rewritten because the old version only ran on DEC Vax computers which are no longer supported by Information Systems. One of the primary advantages of the new system is that independent living groups can more efficiently determine where freshmen most recently checked in or out.

"It should make everything more efficient for the ILGs," Dunn said. "They will have to spend fewer man-hours tracking people down.

Check-in updates immediate

While some living groups connect to Clearinghouse via the Athena dialup machines and the Athena server is a telnet in directly. Dunn said. This allows rush workers to update and access the database as rushers check in and out. In contrast, under the previous system, rush workers needed only to submit their sign-in lists every half-hour.

"Most people are pretty satisfied with the program," said Pika Rush Chair James A. Boiasi ’96. "We’re very satisfied with how things are going so far. We’re confident that we are going to reach our goal or even surpass it without any problems," said Colin M. Page ’95, rush chair of Theta Xi.

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Rush Going Well

Many Freshmen Look into ILGs

By Hyun Soo Kim

Rush ’94 seems to be going well for most Independent Living Groups.

"The general impression is that there are fewer men interested in ILGs, but rush chairs have a good impression of the men they’ve met," said Pika Rush Chair Yeh-Juen Tung ’95.

"They’re reacting very positively when we explained the entire situation," Schneider said. Pika, one of MIT’s coed ILGs, also finds it is doing well. "It seems like there is a large flux of people," said Pink Rush Chair James A. Boiasi ’96. "I would say that more

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Kennedy Camp Jumps In
With Quick Ad on Crime Bill

By Dayle McHauson
Washington Post

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on Sunday sent a signal outlining a possible U.S. course on Cuba over the weekend, saying the Clinton administration may allow more Cubans to enter the United States through legal immigration if Fidel Castro agrees to stop his sailing of boats to sea. 

In a television interview, Chrisopher said that the Clinton administration is willing to change policy on Cuba but he added that the “tough-on-crime” theme is not an attempt to represen t the senator, who is one of the nation’s foremost liberals, but an effort to address the awareness of the senator’s record.

The ad, which was produced by the political consulting firm of Druck, Smith, Carrerin, Devine, began its airing Friday evening, during the New England Patriots football game.

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**Feds Base Interest Rates On 'Natural' Unemployment**

By James Risen

**WASHINGTON**

With little public debate and virtually no evidence, the Federal Reserve Board is increasingly basing interest rate decisions on "natural" unemployment, the rate at which the economy can grow without surging prices. The nation's unemployment rate cannot be reduced much below 6 percent without igniting inflation.

At an annual Federal Reserve conference on economic and labor policy held this weekend in Jackson Hole, Wyo., Federal officials privately suggested that the committee has come to rely on the 6 percent jobless figure as a benchmark for its interest rate decisions.

The nation's central bank already has raised interest rates five times this year in an effort to curb the threat of rising prices that often accompany rapid economic growth. While Fed officials concede there is no reliable way to gauge far surpassing prices, they argue that the relatively fast pace of growth this year would ultimately fuel inflation.

**World Population Conference Sets Stage for Confrontation**

By Larry B. Stammer

**LOS ANGELES TIMES**

The stage is set for a confrontation among world views - one secular, another sacred - when 180 nations gather in Cairo, Egypt, next month at the International Conference on Population and Development to define global strategies for stabilizing world population.

International attention on abortion and contraception, Pope John Paul II has mounted one of the most intense diplomatic offensives by the Vatican in recent memory to pressure the U.N. population program into conformity with Catholic teaching.

"We cannot accept the systematization of death," Pope John Paul said earlier this year. "Every family must know how to resist the false signals of the culture of death." He condemned contraception as "an assault on the sacredness of life" and of "human dignity." Equally, adamantly, U.N. officials, the Clinton administration as well as Catholics and Islamic leaders of other denominations and faiths are to lend their weight of their own moral grounding.

How does the Vatican maintain the moral high ground of defending the sanctity of human life and the "dignity of the family" when the consequences of excessive reproductive behavior and legal abortion seem to many scientists, demographers and moralists to be so devastating?

The world's population, now estimated at 5.6 billion, has doubled since mid-century. It is growing at a rate of about 2 percent per year roughly equal to the population of Mexico.

At issue is a U.N.-sponsored 20-year program to stabilize world population at 8 billion by the year 2050. Unless the apes are broken, world population will double by the year 2050, totaling at 11.5 billion about 2150, according to a U.N. population projection. Although it is not binding, the Cairo plan would serve as an international recognized model nations fashion their own population policies.

The Vatican is having difficulty laying exclusive claim to the moral ground.

"Calling those with whom they disagree 'infidels,'" said one Vatican spokesman, "is intolerable. Moral and politically and ethically defined as intolerance and righteousness emerge." Ralph E. Brickner, a co-founder of the World Conference on Religion and Peace told reporters earlier this week.

In Brussels, Belgium, 24 religious leaders from a dozen major world religions convened in Brussels, Belgium, 24 religious leaders from a dozen major world religions convened to fashion a religion of peace, told reporters earlier this week.

"We don't dare let the pope push it out of the side of the is moral because it opposes contraception and the other side is immoral and religious," said Martin E. Marty, a noted religious scholar from the University of Chicago who chaired the Brussels meeting in May.

Some, like the Rev. Gordon L. Sommer, president of the National Council of Churches, questioned the morality of "abetting the effort of poor women when there are 25 million unsafe and illegal abortions performed each year," the study said, accounting for costs, damaged or stolen property committed - before and after they committed such crimes. Our study's basic findings on subjects' recollections of their crimes and the sentences they consumed - before and after they had undergone treatment - is that they took pains to avoid validating, savings, noting that people who had been shown such self-reporting to be "as valid as drug testing." But other experts say they believe the effects of treatment were worse. That's why a study like our next year will be so important.

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Assassins explores dark side through criminal mind

ASSASSINS
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August 29, 1994

The premises of Stephen Sondheim’s musical can be summed up by Booth: “I’ll bet you can’t write an uproarious-musical about assassination.” Or animate characters in an impressionist style. STAIP REP’URIER

By Anthony Jamieson (as Booth) is a powerful presence on stage, and handles the character of both an actor and example to future generations quite well. Damaso’s flexible tenor is as good as ever, though marred by the directors to adopt a pseudo-southern twang. It might be appropriate for the character, but it sounds silly with his clear voice when matched with his jeering movement on stage.

After Booth, others follow. In general, the successful assassins are more serious characters than the comedic attempted assassins. “Squally” Fromme (Erika H. Fujikawa ’96) and Sara Jane Moore (Jennifer Gasser), both of whom made attempts on Ford’s life, are especially funny comedic pairing. Although some of their comedy comes across as forced (most noticeably in their speeches when they realize that they know the same Charlie Manson), they provide ample comic relief.

The direction is simple and effective, letting the actors express themselves by laying their concept and inner turmoils quite readily. The musical, with the exposed players conveying their emotions bare. It is a rewardingly unsettling perspective, and the ensemble handles it very well.

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**Jim’s Journal**

I figured it was somebody in my apartment above mine doing aerobics.

I couldn’t imagine getting up so early and doing aerobics.

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by Jim
Sororities Try to Maintain Fair, ‘Civilized’ Atmosphere

By Daniel C. Stevenson

Panhelmenic Association sorority rush at MIT is strikingly different from fraternity rush, said Panhelken Director Nicole A. Wainwright ’95. “As women we try to be a little more civilized and present ourselves with your options rather than dragging you kicking and screaming from Killian court,” Wainwright said at the Women’s Sororities rush open house on Friday night.

“We don’t rush 24 hours a day,” said Alpha Chi Omega Rush Chair Lori A. Callaghan ’96. “Sorority rush doesn’t have the entertainment element of fraternity rush — we have no paintball, no sumo wrestling,” or other events planned, Callaghan said. Instead, “we always have conversation.”

At the conversation, freshmen were told about Panhel rush and living options for women at MIT. Following the conversation, the women were assigned a Rho Chi counsel, in groups of about 26 women, according to Rho Chi Chair Valerie A. Jordan ’95.

The freshmen toured each of the five sorority rush rooms, after which they could return to any of the rooms for the four other sororities.

Eye-catchingskis

Rush Counselors led the sorority tours following the conversation, Jordan said. All the rush rooms are located in the Student Center, with two (AXO and SK) on the fourth floor; SIP, APhi, and KAT are on the third floor.

During the tours, the sororities typically “put on a skit, then talk to them [the rushees] for a few minutes,” Wainwright said.

The APhi performances are designed to be “something eye-catching which will bring the girls back to the open houses after the tours,” Callaghan said.

Following the tours, women could return to any of the rooms during Open House I on Friday night, and Open House II mid-Saturday, Jordan said.

Open Houses I and II are the only two non-invited parties, Wainwright said. Rushes are encouraged to spend as long as they want with each sorority during the allotted times, Wainwright said.

Following the open houses, freshmen can spend only a limited time with the sororities outside of the open hours, and only by invitation, Wainwright said. These events, also called informals, occur Saturday night, Sunday morning, and Sunday evening.

The informals typically involve trips around Boston or tours of the sorority house.

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Some ILGs Keep In Touch Via Radio

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people are going through our house this year, especially women.

ILGs extended bids to freshmen starting yesterday. According to Tung, freshmen start accepting bids starting today at 8 a.m. The majority of freshmen accept bids by Monday, even though their selections were made on Friday, according to Schneider. ILGs can extend bids throughout the week.

Technology has impacted mixed
Mithun C. Mathew '95, rush chair of Alpha Delta Phi, said that the whole rush is more computerized this year. “All houses are using more computers and technologies like cellular phones. They can also plan trips better because they have better communications,” he said.

“Our system...of keeping track of the freshmen is totally computerized,” Page 15. “We’ve also got walkie-talkies with the vans. Many freshmen are getting used to the house via shortwave radio.”

Although the new Clearinghouse tracking system was redesigned to have a faster update and response time, some ILGs have experienced trouble.

Phi Gamma Delta (Fij) Rush Chair Bill Churm ’95 said that Fiji’s Clearinghouse connection went down for three hours Friday night. “As a result, we had to cancel the other fraternities,” Churm said.

Churm said that about 30 to 35 freshmen visited Fiji. “Not many freshmen randomly stop by our house because we are on the Fenway,” he added.

Schneider said, “The new Clearinghouse has crashed a couple of times. It is not as good as it was in previous years, because you can’t get information on freshmen much faster.”

Frosh Explore on Athena after Dormitories

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request rooms together.

“They knew they wanted to be roommates, and they had the same first choice, but after that their selections were different,” Oakland said. Eventually, the two organized their lists so that they had the same choices.

Consultants for Athena and rush
Most of the new students have only been on campus for four days, but their lack of exposure to the Athena system has not been a problem. “Everything is moving very smoothly. There haven’t been any problems,” explained Eric F. Gilmour ‘95, an Athena consultant on duty yesterday in the Student Center cluster.

There were three consultants answering freshmen’s questions yesterday in the Student Center cluster, but many of the questions didn’t have anything to do with the lottery program. “People are just asking random questions,” Gilmour said.

Questions ranged from advice on lottery strategy to basic information. For example, question: “What’s Hastington?” Answer: A dormitory in Storrs rented from the Massachusetts College of Art. Or, “Is it better to rank a dorm last if you don’t want to live there, or not to rank it all?” Answer: Gilmour said it was best to rank them all.

On a normal day, Gilmour said that Athena consultants answer about 25 questions an hour. He estimated that yesterday he was answering about twice that number.

“We try to be as helpful as possible,” Gilmour said. “We try to answer every question—even the time and date of Star Trek showings.” Of what people say they’re really interested in is sending electronic mail, Gilmour said.

Students like program
Most students felt that using Athena to enter their preferences was easy. Some said that it was better than waiting in line for a computer at the R/O Center, as previous year’s freshmen had. Others liked the fact that they could log in later and change their selections.

For Ramone Rodriguez ‘98, one of the advantages of the program was that he could take more time to fill out the forms. “Another thing is that you have more chances to ask questions,” he said.

Eric Ramsey ‘98 thought getting into using Athena was easy. “I think it works really well because it introduces people to Athena classes before college starts,” he added.

Because the only way to enter dormitory preferences is through Athena, freshmen with more than 1,000 freshmen had registered for accounts by Saturday morning. Oakland said. He said that the number, which represents more than 90 percent of the class, is substantially higher than in previous years.

Cecilia Lozada ‘98 has been using her account for two days now, and thought that the lottery system was an efficient one. In the two days she has had her account, she has begun sending electronic mail to friends, but prefers to use the talk program. “I’ve been talking to a lot of people since I got IRC,” she said, referring to the Internet Relay Chat program that lets groups of people carry on conversations over a computer network.

Lazada said getting used to Athena was not hard. “There are lots of people helping me,” she said. The help she got was not from the Athena consultants, though, her temporary roommate, Erika Perez ‘98, and other new students were lending a hand.

Perez learned how to use Athena when she was at MIT last summer for the Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science program. She said it took a little time to remember how, but it was not hard.

Gilmour said that it should take about five minutes to fill out the electronic form and save it. He encouraged students to decide on their selection before coming to Athena to enter them.

But many students spent far more than five minutes on Athena. Adriana Christo- wate developed by Adriana Christo-

The project began when Oakland met with Andrew M. Eisenmann ’75, assistant dean for residence and campus activities, in February to discuss how Athena could be used to help with housing. The program actually began last year in Fiji.

The software on Athena enters all the student information into a database, which Eisenmann uses to run the housing program. The actual lottery is run using Microsoft software developed by Adriana Christo- wate, another IS programmer. Oakland said.

The results of the lottery will be sent to students via e-mail on Tuesday afternoon. Students should check their e-mail after 6 p.m. for information about the lottery results who register for account. Oakland said. The program had to be sure that one student in a group could not affect another stu- dent’s selections without the second student’s permission.

Programming the roommate selection was the hardest part of the development, but ironically, Oak- land expects “only about 15 people to use the roommate feature.”

The lottery program was developed by the same IS group that devised the lottery for Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Distri- bution classes, and much of the code was reused, Oakland said. But the system is “much more complex than the HASS-D lottery,” he said.

For example, the part of the pro- gram that lets students form room- nante groups was particularly tricky. Oakland said. The programmers had to make sure that students face is waiting too long to register for an Athena account. After registra- tion for an account, students must wait until the next day to use the account.

Oakland said special arrange- ments could be made for students who register for account. But still want to participate in the lot-tery. “A consultant can help them register, even though the account is not fully active,” he said.
"Vive La Sigma," has the theme of theme, with sisters dressing up a invitations. AXO had a jungle even if they receive four or five the theme parties, Callaghan said, night. They can only attend three of theme parties, which took place last Sorority, also received invitations to the Rush counselors provide support Rush counselors provide impartial advice to freshmen as they decide which sorority to rush or even whether they should rush at all. They answer general questions about the sororities and rush poli- cies, and encourage freshmen to "Look at the sororities for them- selves rather than make snap judg- ments based on somebody else's opinions," Jordan said.

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The Bico Chis prepared for rush with role-playing situations, includ- ing parent problems, cross rushing (receiving invitations from several sororities), and personal problems, Jordan said. They are "there to remind them [the rushers] to be themselves," she said. "I enjoy being able to help the freshman women," Jordan said. "Rho Chi feel that they can be more assistance to the freshmen as counselors than as rushers."

One of the goals of the National Panhellenic Conference is to have a no-fills rush for all sororities, Jordan said. Sororities are limited to spending $2,800 for rush this year, and that number will be reduced by $200 a year until only $1,500 is spent. "National Panhellenic is pushing really hard for rush costs to be lower," Wainwright said. The ultimate goal of the reductions is to have "no decorations, no dances, no parties, no food — just ice- water and people," Wainwright said. This is "so that girls concentrate less on the decorations and more on the people."
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