Frosh Lose Choice in Temp Dormitory Assignments

By Stacey E. Blau

For the first time in several years, freshmen did not submit a list of preferences for temporary housing assignments. Instead, members of the Class of 1999 have been assigned dormitories on an alphabetical basis, according to Residence and Campus Activities Staff Associate Phillip M. Bernard.

The change was made because the RCA office decided that the time and effort needed to sort freshmen preference cards and to assign freshmen one of their top three choices was excessive, according to Associate Dean for RCA Andrew M. Eisenmann '75.

Freshmen this year were assigned temporary dormitories alphabetically by their last names. Beginning with Next House, which is housing freshmen with last names beginning with the letter X, each dormitory is temporarily housing freshmen whose names fall within a specific alphabetical range.

In years when freshmen took part in selecting their temporary residences, the assignment process was "quite a bear to administer," Bernard said. "It took two people 50 hours a week for two weeks to complete the temporary assignments...something students only live in a week," he said. The RCA staff thought it more worthwhile "to concentrate our energy on better service to students," he said.

Studies of the housing assignment system that other schools use have shown that "any way you do it, people are satisfied at about the same rate," Bernard said.

The Residence and Orientation Week coordinators thought about the idea of changing the temporary assignment process at the end of last year's R/O period, Bernard said.

Initially, the office attempted to randomly assign freshmen their temporary dormitories by their MIT identification numbers, but computer problems delayed that effort, Bernard said, and the alphabetical scheme was introduced.

Only McCormick Hall, the sole all-female dormitory, was exempt from the main assignment system. A set number of female freshmen were initially assigned to McCormick, and the remaining freshmen were assigned alphabetically to the other dormitories, Bernard said.

Effects might be better

As in past years, incoming freshmen received a booklet describing their on- and off-campus housing options. But the fact that freshmen did not have to send in a card listing their dormitory preferences this year may have meant that "the incoming class didn't go through the book so carefully," Bernard said.

This may have the effect of many students "ending up making decisions on the basis of visual tours" to dormitories, Eisenmann said.

International R/O Acclimates Students

By Jennifer Lane

Over eighty new international students, representing 47 countries, yesterday completed the three-day International Residence and Orientation Program. The freshmen participated in tours of Boston and Cambridge, listened to presentations about U.S. culture and immigration issues, and socialized at dinners and dance mixes.

Although International R/O is only recommended and not mandatory, the majority of international students participate, said John M. de Guzman '97, Institute R/O publicity and personnel manager overseeing the international program. Eighty to ninety percent of the international freshmen participated in R/O this year, said Kelly K. Chan '98, a member of the International R/O committee.

Program aims "culture shock"

The first three days before formal R/O allow international students to become acclimated to American culture. "It's a real culture shock for some freshmen," de Guzman said.

"Everything went really well this year," de Guzman said. The freshmen enjoyed meeting each other and being introduced to American and MIT culture, he said.

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Record Numbers of Admittees, Women Join Class of 1999

By David D. Hsu

More people accepted by MIT chose to attend the Institute this year than in any of the last 10 or 15 years, according to Assistant Director of Admissions Lisa J. Oliveira '96. Fifty-three percent of accepted students chose to join the 1,120 students in the Class of 1999.

The Admissions Office did not anticipate the increased matriculation rate, Associate Director of Admissions for Information Service and Research Elizabeth S. Johnson said. "We plan on a one percent increase" each year in admissions calculations, she said.

Over the last ten years, the percentage of admitted students enrolling did not rise above 51 percent, Johnson said.

Reputations help yield

Johnson attributes the increase to "a lot of different things." The strong reputations of biology and other science majors, along with the popular engineering majors, attracted many students, she said. Recent news stories about the Institute also generated positive publicity, she said.

This year's high enrollment rate comes from a record applicant pool of nearly 8,000 students, Oliveira said.

"The Admissions Office expects the yield to return to lower numbers for the Class of 2000. "We don't expect things to continue," Oliveira said. Already, "application requests are down this year," she said.

To offset the increased matriculation, fewer transfer students could be accepted, Oliveira said. Only 16 students, about half of the previous year, were accepted as transfers this year, she said.

Women attend in record numbers

A record number of women, forty-two percent, enrolled this year, eclipsing last year's record by two percent, Johnson said.

According to Oliveira, the women, Page 11

Professor Emeritus George Bekefi

Professor Emeritus of Physics George Bekefi, who retired this summer after 38 years of teaching and research, died Thursday after a battle with Leukemia. He was 70.

Bekefi was best known for his accomplishments in the field of plasma physics, specifically in the production of high-powered microwave generators. His recent work focused on the production of free-electron lasers, very short wavelength coherent emissions that are used in communications and many other fields.

Bekefi taught several classes, including 8.02 (Physics II) and 8.03 (Physics III), during his tenure. He was "a superb teacher, very warm and humorous," said Physics Department Head Ernest J. Moniz. "Students appreciated him. He was usually rated in the six region [out of a possible seven-point rating] by his students" in Course Evaluation Guide evaluations, Moniz said.

In retiring, Bekefi remarked on his enjoyment of "teaching revealing to human beings," he said, "and also helping them learn from each other."
Israel Smashes Hamas Group
Blamed for Bombing

Shin Bet, Israel’s secret security force, said Wednesday that it smashed a network of the Hamas militant Islamic movement in the West Bank by raiding and carrying out early Monday’s suicide bombing here and an earlier attack in Tel Aviv.

"The death of the automobile wing of Hamas in the West Bank," Shin Bet’s chief told Israeli military reporters in a briefing, "will not allow Shin Bet’s director to be named and it is highly unusual for the agency’s head to conduct a news confer-

Bombing DefendantNichols Says
Trial Judge Biased

Oklahoma City bombing defendant Terry Lynn Nichols said Wednesday that the federal judge assigned to preside over his trial has an "actual, personal bias against me" and should be removed from the case because of his extensive contact with victims of the explosion.

In an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Oklahoma City, Nichols accused U.S. District Judge Terry J. H一字 has had an "extra-judicial exposure" to victims of the bombing because so many court proceedings and victims’ meetings were related to or friends with many of the 186 killed and hundreds injured in the April 19 blast.

In addition, the Nichols affidavit is in his own words, in contrast to the McVeigh court motion filed Tuesday, which was prepared by McVeigh’s attorneys.

Prime Russian Minister’sParty
Soundly Beaten in Elections

In a landslide defeat for its leader, Moscow's ruling political party, voters in Russia's presidential election on Sunday swept the party into the political wilderness.

Presidential candidate Boris Yeltsin rode to victory on promises of economic change, depicting the old-guard communist party as a relic of the past.

Out of power since 1991 when the Soviet Union disintegrated, the party had been polled at about 10 percent in recent polls, lagging far behind Yeltsin's estimated 75 percent in opinion polls.

The result left the communists without representation in the new legislative body, the State Duma, in the parliament.

In his victory speech, Yeltsin paid tribute to the work of Yegor Gaidar, the free-market economist who was widely credited with engineering the reforms that brought Russia to where it is today.

"You did your best," Yeltsin told Gaidar.

"We're lucky it hasn't hit us sooner," Dr. Robert Austrian, a specialist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, said in an interview.

According to Austrian, who has been treating some of the injured, "We've been lucky it hasn't hit us sooner."
Mexico put a cap on soaring interest rates Wednesday as part of an attempt to deflate a mounting debt crisis.

Interest rates on existing business loans will be limited to 25 percent, President Carlos Salinas decreed Wednesday, under an agreement negotiated with the International Monetary Fund and the Mexican Bankers Association. The cap affects only outstanding loans, not new ones.

Mortgages will peak at 6 percent if rate setters agree to renegotiate the principal owed under a complex system that integrates inflation rates into the value of the principal.

The bankers also agreed to halt foreclosures until Oct. 31, to absorb the administrating costs of restructuring loans, and to stop charges on loans now in default.

"We think this is an extremely important step in helping those who suffer from their debt," Secretary of the Economy and Finance Salinas de Gortari said.

Chen said the main reason for not approving by the United Nations

Two days later, on the first day of "Hell Week," she was admitted to

The bad-debt portfolio of Mexican banks has swollen to 15 percent, under an agreement negotiated with the IMF and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the capital crime of espionage,

As the announcement was greeted with skepticism by consumer and small business leaders as well as independent economists.

The statement was made on behalf of at least one of the women, who want to join the legal challenge to the admissions policy, according to

In order to determine who will be allowed into the country for the safety of the conference, and for the delays in visa processing "is that they would have to pay on saving~

She originally wanted to enroll at

By Debbi Wrigley

WASHINGTON - FBI Director Louis Freeh said Wednesday that his agency is able to police itself, Wednesday rejected any suggestions that bureau officials conduct an examination by a review process outside the FBI, as has been done at some big city police departments.

At the same time, Freeh said he could not "think of more serious, and I would be very concerned about under-

While he acknowledged that progress was "not as fast as we'd like it," and that some areas of the American educational system remained "in crisis," Riley said the country was "on the right path, and
good news stories are now showing results of greater student achievement," and "be sure that more high school graduates head for college right after high school next year.

Faulkner's lawyers said. They
to find any reason for more

One man resisted and was dragged screaming. Several of the 24 surviving passengers on the flight from Atlanta to Gulfport, Miss., reported hearing an explosion on the left engine.

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Congratulations and welcome, Class of 1999. While your hand was shake, you feel proud not only of your admission but also of your decision to come to MIT to begin the first of what may well be the most important years of your life.

That decision was not unique. During your time here, you'll face many decisions, both trivial and vital, immediate and long-term. On your way to making these decisions, you will be challenged in ways you may not be able to imagine yet. But fret not. Whether academic, physical, social, or emotional, these challenges will teach you what MIT is really about: expanding your mind, honing your abilities, and pushing yourself to the limit.

This is the most important time being ready for the challenge. Expect and embrace it. Go ahead and take that hard class, try out for that team, join that activity. Rush your favorite living group; meet as many freshmen as possible. While you're counting on the challenge, don't assume success: Don't be disappointed if you don't get an A+ (though with the new grading system, you just might), don't make the team, or don't get invited back to party. If you're upset if you don't get a bid, don't get invited back to party, or don't find your kind of people right away. While you should do your best, the important thing is to keep perspective. College is where you find out who you really are, and part of who you want to be. Live it for yourself, don't waste your time pretending or trying to please others.

If you try to please somebody other than yourself, especially during rush, consider if it will be worth it in the long run. Don't be afraid of new activities, people, and ideas, even for discovery. Those new activities, people, and ideas will be the bonds that will serve you well, both at MIT and beyond.

MIT is a great place to be. While the system has its flaws, it depends on the independent living group system you're still reading aren't you? Now where that's just the bun; ILGs are the real beef. That decision was not unique. During your time here, you'll self; don't waste your time pretending or trying to please others. That's going to be worth it in the long run. Don't do it for the fun of it and the obstacles and the obstacles the obstacles the obstacles can be corrected by moving the field 10 feet to the west. This would mean if you hill the hill and the obstacles the obstacles off the east end of the field.

John P. Mellor G

OPINION Welcome, Class of 1999

Lines on Soccer Field Present Danger

The Tech received a copy of the following letter addressed to Grounds Supervisor John R. Baits and Director of Athletics Richard A. Hill:

Column by A. Arif Husain
dated August 24, 1995

On this first day of Residence and Orientation Week, I extend my pen in a gesture of welcome to this year's freshmen, our newest stock. Your decision to join the ranks of MIT is already the culmination of an effort that has landed you on the doorstep of a two-week initiation. You will be faced with life-shaping choices and newfound obstacles. At the same time, you will be overrun by new opportunities, both academic and social.

Think of it this way: rush is like puberty. Everybody goes through it. Nobody really likes it. But you're basically better off when it's over.

The good thing is, rush has loads of potential. The only problem, unfortunately, is that for a few, it just isn't working. I didn't have the perspective to tap into it. If only someone could have written a column in The Tech with some useful suggestions.

Okay, so that was a cheap transition, but you'll still have to deal with it, right? Rush.

The most important thing to remember is that through all the pomp and circumstance, this thing was set up for your benefit. Secondly, realize that my last statement was a bold-faced lie. Rush is as much for your benefit as Operation Desert Storm was for Kuwait's. The real mistake that upperclassmen can be perfected quite easily.

The most important thing is that there are Institute beds. The Institute therefore depends on the independent living group system (i.e. fraternities and sororities) to compensate, and rush is the time for them to do so. True, there is also a dormitory residence hall, but that's just the part of ILGs; ILGs are the real beef. Don't get me wrong, however. I don't fault the system. I don't really mind the book. I just don't like the cover.

In any case, you'll have to make a choice about your living arrangements. Fraternities and sororities prepare all year for these few days before the date of publication.

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Putting together a newspaper takes a lot of hard work, cooperation, and creativity. During R/O, we'll be doing it every day.

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**POLICE LOG**

The following incidents were reported to the MIT Campus Police between July 14 and August 8:

**July 14:** Bldg. E15, laptop stolen $4,500; Bldg. 11, $70 cash stolen.

**July 15:** Tang Hall tennis courts, wallet stolen, $50.

**July 16:** Bldg. E52 plaza, bicycle stolen, $250.

**July 17:** Bldg. E15, malicious destruction; Bldg. E15, male arrested for trespassing; Jamail Greene, of 137 Marcella St., Dorchester.

**July 18:** Bldg. 9, suspicious person; East Campus, 1 volleyball court, wallet stolen, $80; 2 basement, bicycle stolen, $600; Bldg. 16, stamps stolen, $50.

**July 19:** Briggs Field, persons known to each other became upset while playing soccer; and one punched the other.

**July 20:** Bldg. 7, larceny of tools, $4,000; Bldg. N25, projector stolen, $7,500; Bldg. 18, 1) AM/FM radio stolen, $30; 2) radio stolen, $10; Herman garage, garage bicycle, stolen, $35.

**July 21:** BOathouse, wallet and contents stolen; Bldg. E38, tape recorder stolen, $250; Westgate, bicycle stolen, $250.

**July 22:** Bldg. 33, calculator stolen, $200; Bldg. 54, bicycle stolen from hallway, $300; Bldg. E25, vending machine vandalized; Baker House, various items stolen, $400.

**July 24:** Bldg. 2, $100 cash stolen; Bldg. E38, squash racquets stolen, $200; Bldg. E50, 1) wallet stolen, $20; 2) wallet and contents stolen; Alumni Pool, wallet stolen, $80; DUpten men’s locker-room, wallet stolen, $25.

**July 25:** Bexley courtyard, bicycle stolen, $50; Alumni Pool, wallet stolen, $8; Bldg. E17, 1) wallet stolen, $30; 2) wallet stolen, $25; Bldg. E20, wallet stolen, $15.

**July 26:** Outside bldg. E19, bicycle tire stolen, $80.

**July 27:** Student Center, radio stolen, $200.

**July 28:** Bldg. 18, fax machine stolen, $1,800; Bldg. E38, video camera stolen, $300; Bldg. 35, suspicious activity.

**July 29:** Bexley Hall basement, backpack stolen, $110; Tang, $160 bicycle removed from rack; Baker, $500 cash stolen; Bldg. E15 bicycle rack, bicycle stolen, $350; Tang, harassing phone calls; Eastgate, bicycle stolen, no value.

**July 30:** Baker, bicycle stolen from hallway, $300; Bldg. 66, typewriter stolen, $1,000.

**July 31:** Student Center, backpack stolen, no value; Bldg. E52, pocketbook and contents stolen, $67; Bldg. E17, stereo stolen, $150; Bldg. 54, bicycle stolen from racks, $500; Bldg. NW90, suspicious activity; DuPont weight room, wallet stolen, $25.

**Aug. 1:** Student Center, 1) bicycle rack, bicycle stolen, $500; 2) food court from food court; 3) computer stolen for attempted larceny of a bicycle and other related charges; Bldg. 54, suspicious persons around bicycle racks; Bldg. 66, 11 speakers stolen, $200; 2) CD player stolen, $150; East Garage, 1930 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera stolen; Alpha Tao Omega, bicycle stolen, $400; New House, bicycle stolen, $400; Student Center, maliciousicious activity; Bldg. 54, bicycle stolen, $400; Bldg. E40, suspicious person; Bldg. E25, suspicious activity.

**Aug. 2:** Student Center, two gym bags stolen and later recovered 1) minus checkbook; 2) CD's stolen, $40; Bldg. 2, pocketbook and contents stolen, $175; Bldg. E52, suspicious activity; Bldg. 65, bicycle stolen from hallway, $300; Student Center, stolen in Boston, recovered in East Garage.

**Aug. 3:** Bldg. 3, unknown activity; Student Center, bicycle stolen out of Lawrence, recovered in East Garage; Bldg. 12, VCR stolen, $480; East Garage, Toyota stolen; Bldg. 3, memory chips stolen, $13,000; Bldg. E25, CD player stolen, $120; Walker, attempted larceny of a gym bag.

**Aug. 4:** Sailing Pavilion, attempted breaking and entering; Bldg. 68, suspicious person; Bldg. E15, activity; Bldg. E15, activity; Bldg. E52, suspects arrested for trespassing.

**Aug. 5:** Michael Nee, of 384 Washington St, Braintree; Bldg. E53, bicycle stolen, $350.

**Aug. 6:** MackGregor, harassing phone calls.

**Aug. 7:** Bldg. 33, computer stolen, $4,000; 10, harassing phone calls.

**Aug. 8:** Tang, attempted larceny of a bicycle; Bldg. 14, bicycle rack, bicycle stolen, $170; ATO, wallet stolen, $20.

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**CRIME ALERT**

The theft of computer memory chips appears to be a growing problem on campus and has gained recent media attention. Since the beginning of the year, there have been five incidents of memory chip thefts on campus, at a loss of several thousand dollars. The thieves of memory chips have included, but are not limited to, Sun, Hewlett Packard, and high-end Macintosh systems. In these recent thefts, the thieves enter both locked or unlocked rooms, carefully remove the computer case, remove the memory chips, and replace the cover. To the user the machine does not appear to have a problem until it fails to start or starts but has little memory space available.

The Campus Police Special Services Division is investigating these thefts. Special Services is also researching how wide the memory theft problem is in the Cambridge and Boston areas and if other suspects are responsible for these types of crimes.

The Campus Police Crime Prevention Unit, along with the MIT Computer Connection recommends the following crime prevention tips:

- Install a security enclosure device manufactured by Anchor Pad or Compu-Gard. Additional information about these devices can be obtained from the Crime Prevention unit at x3-9359, or the MCC, W26-021, x-7686.
- Always keep your office, lab, or dorm room secure.
- Do not leave your computer unattended in the fall.

**Police Note:** The next police report will be published on Tuesday, August 22.

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**Benefit Seen in Assigned Temps**

Temps, from Page 1

"Making choices that way is in a great way to do it" because students get more of an idea about what a dormitory and its residents are like when they visit, he said.

Freshman Christy L. Canida '99 said, "It would have been nice if I had a bit of a choice about where I am." Canida is temporarily housed at Next and said that the dormitory was not her first choice. "I would have preferred to have an inside look at something that was a bit higher on my list," she said.

Canida said that she plans to visit all the dormitories before she decides which dormitories she will list as her preferences in the housing lottery.

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**International Students Enjoy Boston Tours, Free Food**

International, from Page 1

International students really enjoyed "talking to upper class international students, especially sophomores," said Chris Gil '99, an international freshman from Spain. Students had the opportunity to do this during the dance mix party held in Baker House Dining Hall on Saturday night.

Other popular R/O events were tours of Boston, including a harbor cruise and tour of Faneuil Hall, and the many free food events like restaurant tours and organized breakfasts and dinners, said freshmen Michel Alslam '99, from Kuwait, and Carlos Tapia '99, from Mexico.

One of the most useful services provided to students during R/O is offered by the International Students Office, de Guzman said. International students may bring their immigration or visa papers to the ISO and receive information on how to avoid or fix potential problems related to the students' international status, de Guzman said.

Other useful events included presentations about U.S. banks, health care, and immigration. The MIT Medical Center put on several skin about loneliness, drinking, and sex, and said Satayan Mahajan Jr. '96, who acted in all of the skin. "It was really good to see that the freshmen are making friends," he said.

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**New International Students, by Country of Origin**

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Countries sending one new MIT student: Algeria, Argentina, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, China, Croatia, Egypt, Finland, France, Guyana/Jama/ , Ireland, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Vietnam, and Yugoslavia

**SOURCE:** INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICE

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**Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk**

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By H. Ayala

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Atlanta Braves

It's hard to imagine that a team with an overall hitting average hovering around .250 can win anything, but this year's Braves have been the exception to the rule. Behind a stellar starting rotation that includes "God with a curveball" Greg Maddux and a rejuvenated John Smoltz, the Braves have easily distanced themselves from a mediocre pack in the National League East, reaffirming the ancient adage, "When God is on the mound, even the Angels can't hit you."

A key factor in Atlanta's success this season has been the rise to prominence of three highly touted prospects — left fielder Ryan Klesko, third-baseman Chipper Jones, and catcher Javier Lopez — who have supplied enough pop to carry the offense in the wake of disappointing years from veterans Fred McGriff, Dave Justice, and Marquis Grissom. In addition, flame-throwing closer Mark "Concussion wait-to-happen" Gllockle has been a near-stationary center fielder and converted his last 18 save opportunities.

Outlook: Unless the Braves' recent acquisition of firemen-tooting Luis Polonia from the Yankees, get the ball on their tail, look for the Toronto Chop (along with thousands of other Florida State alumni) to rear its ugly head come the second week of October.

Dugout Chatter: "Greg, stop giving Lemke the ten plagues and get back to work." — Manager Bobby Cox

Montreal Expos

The only constant for the Expos this year has been their inconsistency. After a pre-season fire sale that included MVP candidate Larry "I'm Canadian, Dam it" Walker, swaged-out starting pitcher Ken Hill and closer John Wetteland, the Expos began their second rebuilding process in the last three years. With the advent of young outfielders Rondell White and Tony Tarasco, as well as the promising play of shortstop Wilfredo Cordero, Felipe Alou's Expos have now officially been reborn more times than Darryl Strawberry.

The strength of this team, however, has surprisingly been the starting pitching, which has achieved despite a subpar year from left-hander Jeff Russell and converted his last 18 save opportunities.

Outlook: Montreal figures to fight off the Phillies for second place in the east this year and make a solid push for the wild-card next season provided star left-fielder Moises Alou (rumor has it he has an "in" with the management) sticks around and midseason acquisition David Segui stays hot at first base.

Dugout Chatter: "Perez, get down from there!" — Third baseman Charlie Hayes.

Florida Marlins

The Marlins seem to have turned the hot corner since the All-Star break and are playing the best ball in the young franchise's history. The keys to their outstanding play of late have been the steady improvement of rookie catcher Charles Johnson and the stopping of veteran leader Terry Pendleton. Johnson, a superstar signal-caller at the University of Miami only two years ago (are you out there, Gino Toretta?), is finally adjusting to major league pitching. He already has the best arm behind any state in baseball — he's thrown out more runners than the International Olympic Committee (are you out there, Ben Johnson?) — and appears to be learning to handle his pitching staff with greater ease.

Outlook: With Pendleton and Gary Sheffield due back next year alongside Jeff Conine and Greg Colbrunn, the Marlins have the makings of an outstanding lineup. If second baseman Quilvio Veras can continue to keep his on-base percentage high and the front office can obtain an ace starter, the Marlins will contend next year.

Dugout Chatter: "What kind of name is Quilvio?" — Reliever Yorick Peraza.

New York Mets

After trading away three veteran arms from the Big Apple, the Mets could film an episode of Romper Room in their clubhouse. Relatives Dallas Green and "Mean" Joe McVilaine did the right thing in purging themselves of Bobby Bonilla, Brett Saberhagen, and Brett Butler (may this be the last "Grace Under Fire" reference ever) for prospects Alex Ochoa and Juan Acevedo, but setting the lineup for next year and scheduling diaper changing times may prove a difficult task. Three outfielders must be chosen from a list of over-rife prospects Ray Thompson, Damon Buford, Carl Everett, Chris Jones, and Ochoa. In addition, Rico Brogna is the only certainty in an infield that may herald in the arrivals of Triple A sluggers, guarder Butter Hokefly and stick-fielding shortstop Rey Ordonez. The pitching staff is also in a state of transition with future All-Stars Bill Pulsipher and Jason Jaramillo beginning to acclimate themselves to the major leagues. Rounding out the staff for next year will likely be Dave Mlicki, Bobby Jones and Reid Letkowicz, although the arrival of stud pitchers Paul Wilson, Kirk Perry and Acevedo is imminent.

Outlook: Damned if we know.

Dugout Chatter: "Where is there a velour nametag on my locker, Dallas?" — Ray Thompson

Trivia Question

Today's trivia question rises from the dust that has settled in Montreal's "Big O," which incidentally their salary cap as well. Name at least four current or former major league ballplayers related to current Expos. Freshman, be the first to get your Athena account and e-mail your answer to bell@mit.edu.