Grad Orientation Welcomes 1,200

By Ramy A. Aranout

Graduate student residence and orientation kicks off today with events aimed at easing the 1,200 newcomers into MIT life, according to Keymar Gandhi, Graduate Student Council Orientation Committee chair.

Unlike the undergraduate system, graduate I/O runs “solely by graduate student volunteers... and the graduate administrator for the Thursday,” said GSC President Barbara J. Souter G. “The committee has about 15 to 30 volunteers” over the summer, “some of whom work nearly full time this week,” she said. The committee also coordinates GSC events held by the departments and by student groups, like the International Student Association’s Coffee Hour, Gandhi said.

“Our main goal is to welcome the students and help them settle in, simplifying as much as possible for them,” Gandhi said. To do that, much of the GSC’s preparation entails collecting information for the new students, which will be available at a booth in Lobby 7 until Friday, he said.

While many explorations have taken place, Gandhi said, “This year we’ve put a bit more effort in getting new people involved,” he said. “A lot of freshmen come here, usually to avoid the stress of rush.”

Gandhi said. Activities repeated from previous years included a cruise of Boston Harbor, meetings with student groups, and coffee hours.

Explorations Introduce Freshmen To Institute’s Departments, Centers

By David D. Huo

Freshmen will sign up today to explore topics ranging from theatrical production to space plasma physics.

The Freshman Explorations, sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, are designed “primarily to introduce the incoming freshmen to the various department centers around MIT,” said Patrick K. Reese, director of the coordinator of the program.

In the exploration “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Supernovae... But Were Afraid to Ask,” professors and research staff will provide information about the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and Assistant Professor James K. Kuchar ’90.

Demonstrations will also help “show all the different opportunities in the department,” Kuchar said. “Some students don’t really know what you can do with an aerospace degree,” he said. During the “Plasma Fusion Center Overview,” graduate students and research staff will give a tour of current experiments, including the Alcator C-MOD tokamak, said Plasma Fusion Center Administrative Assistant Mary Ann Friedman.

“We wanted freshmen to know that we exist as a center where they can actually do research,” Rivenberg said. The explorations also serve as a “kind of a lead” into freshman classes and seminars offered during the fall semester, Kwon said.

Unlike seminars, the explorations are “ geared toward a wider audience,” Rivenberg said. “Seminars are much more detailed,” Kuchar said. “This is just a chance for students to come in for a few minutes to talk to somebody,” he said.

More explorations than last year

Freshmen will select from a list of almost 40 explorations, up from 31 last year, Kwon said. The number increased because “this year we’ve put a bit more effort in getting new people involved,” he said. Using the MIT Bulletin as a guide, Kwon asked several professors who did not lead explorations if they would explore new people involved this year.

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China to Send Ambassador Back

In another sign of improvement in U.S.-Chinese relations, China has told the United States that it will soon send its ambassador back to Washington after a three-month hiatus, U.S. officials said Monday. The decision was relayed in the weekend discussions between top Chinese and American officials, including late arrivals to the summit of the Group of Seven.

Israel Moves to Close Palestinian Offices in West Bank

Israel moved on Monday against the Palestinian self-governing authorities in the West Bank. The decision to close the offices was made after Israeli officials inspects that the Palestinians are not performing their obligations under the arrangement made with Israel in 1995.

Wealth

North Korea

The Washington Post

Today: Mostly sunny with perhaps or late scattered clouds late afternoon. High 73°F (23°C). High 73°F (23°C).

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) plans to send a team of scientists to North Korea on a new round of shuttle diplomacy to bring peace to the former Yugoslavia. The new round of shuttle diplomacy to the former Yugoslavia will be led by a team of scientists from NASA, working with the Bosnian Serbs to help them understand the complexities of the conflict in the former Yugoslavia.

Military Response Favored To Sarajevo mortar Attack

The American strategy, as outlined by U.S. officials, is to attempt to isolate the Bosnian Serbs by first sending a team of military observers to the Bosnian Serb province, which is being asked to recognize both Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Fed. Reserve of U.S. Civilian Research Could Drop 33%

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The report is released by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), which promotes the benefits of both kinds of research.

Basic research is defined as pure scientific inquiry with no specific goal in mind. Applied research is science with a specific goal, such as development of a new technology. The balance between the two has been the subject of a tug of war between Democrats and Republicans in Congress.

Scientists and engineers are struggling to interpret the new paradigm in Washington. "It's a real challenge for all of us to adapt to the new reality," said a scientist at the National Science Foundation. "We're going to have to learn to live with less."
Chase and Chemical Combine To Form Nation's Largest Bank

By Jay Mathews

NEW YORK

Chemical Banking Corp. and the Chase Manhattan Corp. Monday announced plans to merge and create the nation's largest bank.

Financial analysts and investors hailed the agreement to create a giant new bank, which will carry Chase Manhattan's name but be led by Chemical's chairman and chief executive officer, Walter V. Shipley, 59.

The merger agreement, which will create a bank with $279 billion in assets, is a dramatic example of the consolidation underway in the banking industry. Experts said the merger wave will continue because the nation has far too many banks with overlapping branches and services.

Like other recent bank mergers, the Chase-Chemical agreement was encouraged by major investors who think the institutions can operate more efficiently and afford the talent and new technologies that will keep earnings and stock prices high. Rumors of the merger have pushed Chemical and Chase stock up in recent months; shares in both companies jumped about 10 percent Monday.

"The financial services industry is in the midst of the greatest period of consolidation in its history," Shipley said, "and we are seizing upon a truly unparalleled opportunity to create a premier global financial services company."

The deal also underlines the power of U.S. mutual funds, fat with middle-class retirement savings. Michael Price, who runs the New Jersey-based Mutual Series funds, disclosed in April that his company owned 6.1 percent of Chase and openly encouraged the company to look for a rich buyer.

Chase and Chemical bank tellers and office workers are unlikely to celebrate the $10.4 billion merger, however. Shipley said his first assignment is to cut 12,000 jobs from the merged company's total work force of 75,000 to save $1.5 billion a year.

He said he hoped the banking industry's high natural turnover of about 20 percent a year would keep firings to a minimum.

Wilson Slams Illegal Immigration As Presidential Campaign Starts

By Dave Lesher

Los Angeles Times

California Gov. Pete Wilson ceremoniously kicked off his presidential campaign's announcement tour with the Statue of Liberty as a backdrop Monday, seemingly inviting protocol so confused that the White House bid is antithetical to the nation's most famous symbol of America and the social values that have been lost or have suffered due to moral decay and intrusive social services company."

Wilson's speech at Manhattan's Battery Park attracted an estimated 280 supporters and about 50 protestors, who chanted "Liberty is not a prop" as he spoke.

Wilson's campaign has sparked intense opposition from civil rights activists because of his high-profile opposition to affirmative action programs and his support last year for California's Proposition 187, the ballot measure that, if upheld by the courts, will halt an array of public services that lease them annually for $55,000 to $95,000 each. The archdiocese has rented the state-owned stadium for a still-undetermined amount that facility officials said will be between $50,000 and $100,000.

Just who will be among the privileged group of about 1,0000 seat holders in the skyboxes remains unclear, as executives are just starting to address such ticklish questions as whether religion should be permitted and other more traditional factors in the corporate allocation system.

What is clear is that the non-skybox tickets are so hot that many Catholic parishes are planning lotteries to distribute them, and church officials are planning elaborate security measures to foil ticket theft and counterfeiting.

Rival's Dropout Boosts Hawk Toward Prime Minister's Job

Los Angeles Times

RYUTARO Hashimoto, a hawkish Cabinet minister who gave Americans a sharp taste of his hard-line views on trade during the most recent round of contentious automobile talks, got a major boost Monday toward Japan's top job when his chief competitor pulled out of the race.

Foreign Minister Yohei Kono stunned the Japanese political world by announcing he would not seek re-election as president of Japan's largest political party.

Kono, a 58-year-old dove, thus effectively removed himself as the leading candidate for Japan's next prime minister and handed over leadership of the Liberal Democratic Party to Hashimoto, also 58.

The move also could weaken the three-party coalition government of the Liberal Democrats, the Socialists of Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama and the New Party Harbinger.

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Alternative Academic Programs Give Frosh Choices

Programs, from Page 1

memory and understanding of the material, Rose said. Some of the classes offered in Concentrate differ from the mainstream courses. Chemistry includes both the class notes from Introduction to Solid-State Chemistry (3.091) and the textbook from Principles of Chemical Science (5.11). "This way we don't close any doors. You just have to work harder," Rose said.

The type of students attracted to the program has changed over the years, Rose said. Ten years ago, students were typically from small towns and apprehensive about the academic load at MIT. Now they are people who are very well prepared, Rose said. Concentrate is holding an orientation and lottery this afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. in 3OC-221.

Experimental Study Group

ESG has no required curriculum. According to a brochure issued by the ESG office, most students spend their first year working on biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and humanities classes.

Students who join ESG take their subjects through a combination of small classes, one-on-one tutorials, and discussion-oriented seminars. In addition, the program emphasizes educational experimentation, like projects in robotics, computer modeling in biology, and digital electronics.

ESG includes about 50 first year students, 10 staff members who range from graduate students to retired faculty members, and 25 undergraduate student tutors who were in ESG as freshmen.

ESG has an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. today in 34-412.

Integrated Studies Program

The Integrated Studies Program stresses a strong hands-on approach to learning, according to Director Arthur Steinberg, professor of anthropology and archaeology.

Students in ISP take the science and math courses of their choice, but there are required subjects which emphasize technology. In particular, the courses focus on cross-cultural and societal issues relating to the subject.

The program typically appeals to students who "are inquisitive, who want to try something different, learn in different ways, and spend time in small groups," Steinberg said.

This year's program will emphasize writing more with the addition of a writing coach to the program. Previously offered through the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, ISP moved to the School of Engineering this year.

ISP is holding a picnic and the annual egg drop from noon to 4 p.m. today in Compton Court near the Alumni Pool.

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Freshmen Look Elsewhere
For Relief from Hectic Rush

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"I came in just because I wanted to think things — dorms, ILGs," Ania C. Busza '99 said.

Busza said that she was not impressed with rush. "People are being so friendly just to attract freshmen," she said.

"I really just avoided the whole thing," Leslie A. Pipe '99 said about rush. "I just told people I was a sophomore. I really knew I wasn't going to join a sorority." Pipe spent her time at Elsewhere coloring in a Bugs Bunny picture.

For freshman Anna Marie Dirks '99, Elsewhere "was the first chance I've had to do something creative" since she arrived at MIT. Dirks spent time at Elsewhere fingerpainting. "You pretty much do as you please" at Elsewhere, Annette C. Gray '99 said. "It's much more comfortable."

"I don't particularly like the whole idea of rush," Dirks said. "It's a very bad way to start the year. I really can't think of anything more stressful."

Option for gay freshmen
Like Elsewhere, Queer Elsewhere provides rush-free area for freshmen with activities and games for relaxing. But Queer Elsewhere prides itself on creating a "queer-positive atmosphere for freshmen," said Nathan Sanders '96, a sophomore at Queer Elsewhere.

"Rush isn't a very queer-friendly scenario," said Joaquin S. Terrones '97, who is coordinating Queer Elsewhere.

"It's much more stressful." Leslie A. Pipe '99 said about rush. "I really can't think of anything they're welcome on campus even if they don't go." Banard said.

Elsewhere is located in rooms 304 and 310 in Walker Memorial and is open 8:00 p.m. to midnight every night through Tuesday.

GSC Offers New Grad Students Information, Tours, Workshops
Graduate, from Page 1

This year the GSC has also organized a small one-day cruise on the Charles River, Ghandi said. It starts from the Galleria mall, which gives students a chance to "go there and check it out," Ghandi said. The cruise will then pass by MIT, he said.

Also featured will be a series of safety, health, and harassment seminars and a workshop on communication between men and women, Souer said.

The workshop, called "Can We Talk?" will be held the second week of September. It will be a "role-playing workshop run by a couple of professional counselors," Ghandi said. The role-playing will deal with various potential pressure situations, such as between students and their advisors or with other students.

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6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. Activities Midway, Johnson Center

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11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. Campus Walking Tour, Lobby 10
12:00 p.m. — 2:00 p.m. Picnic, Killian Court
2:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m. GSC Open House, 50-222
7:30 p.m. — Night on the Town, 50-222

Friday, September 1

9:15 a.m. — 4:45 p.m. New Faculty & TA Workshop + Refreshments, 10-250
10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Information Booth, Lobby 10
11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. Campus Walking Tour, Lobby 10

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