

## R/O Week Begins For Class of 2000

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STAFF REPORTER

The Class of 2000 arrives on campus today, and nine days of Residence and Orientation Week activities will introduce the freshmen to MIT, living groups, activities, and to each other.

The freshmen will first check in at the R/O Center to receive their information packets and temporary room assignments. For the President's Welcome Convocation, President Charles M. Vest as well as last year's winner of the Nobel Prize in chemistry, Professor of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences Mario Molina will welcome the freshman class to the MIT community. Freshmen will have the chance to mingle with fellow classmates by participating in Project MOYA and Tech Trek.

Plans for the rest of the evening include Thursday Night Dinners and a live band that will perform at the Student Center steps as part of MIT Unplugged. On Friday, Killian Kick-Off and the official start of rush will be the main events. The Women's Rush Convocation and

Panhellenic sorority rush will be held as well.

### Temporary housing short this year

This year, freshmen have been randomly assigned to their temporary dormitories by their MIT identification numbers, whereas last year they were assigned by their last names.

Senior House will not be available for temporary housing because it is awaiting occupancy approval from Cambridge following a summer of renovations that are currently being finished up.

"We have barely enough space for early returns and incoming freshmen right now," said Staff

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Nicholas Estrada '00 checks in at the R/O Center on the second floor of the Student Center yesterday. INDRANATH NEOGY—THE TECH

## Changes in MOYA, Dinners Give R/O A Different Look

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This year, Residence and Orientation Week will have a slightly new look to it. In response to recent criticism, both Thursday Night Dinners and Project Move Off Your Assumptions have undergone changes.

Last year, upperclassmen involved in Thursday Night Dinners hurried from Kresge Oval to collect freshmen before the end of MOYA, their traditional cue ["Overzealous Crowd Mars Frosh Dinners" August 25, 1995] for the start of the Dinners. Campus Police had to be called in to contain the crowd.

In response, the Interfraternity Council, the Dormitory Council, and the Association of Student

Activities met to arrange a better format for the dinners, said Institute R/O Publicity and Personnel Manager Erica R. Fuchs '99.

"The administration feels that if Thursday Night Dinners does not work this year, something else will have to replace them in subsequent years," Fuchs said.

Tonight, Thursday Night Dinner groups will meet the freshmen in Johnson Athletic Center rather than outside, Fuchs said.

Upperclassmen will be allowed into Johnson between 5:00 and 5:45 p.m., Fuchs said.

Groups who want to go take freshmen out for Thursday Night Dinners but have not pre-registered

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## International R/O Acclimates Students

By Stacey E. Blau  
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Over 80 freshman international students completed three days of social events and information sessions yesterday as part of the International Residence and Orientation program.

New international undergraduate students, representing over 45 countries, arrived on campus over the weekend to begin events that kicked off Monday with a breakfast, immi-

gration information session, and a welcoming lunch and reception with administrators and faculty.

International R/O exists for new international students to "have a chance to start the activities of R/O in a smaller group," said Manolis I. Kamvysseis '99, one of the program's organizers.

Over the past three days, international students have been to a number of social events, including dinner in Boston, a dance mix party in Baker House Dining Hall, and a night of movies, pool, and video games.

"Every time I get out of something, I think it was the best event," Kamvysseis said. The events are aimed at such a small and close-knit group that freshmen "become best friends in two days."

A number of events centered around getting students settled with paperwork and issues specific to international students, including an immigration information session and a Medical Center presentation.

Some popular R/O events among student events included tours of Boston, Cambridge, and facilities at MIT. "The best things were the tours," said Daniel Nelkenbaun '00, who is from Bolivia. Not everyone went to all the social events, he said. "Perhaps they should have made those mandatory."

### Events smooth transition

Deteline Vasileva '00 from Bulgaria said that International R/O

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## Louis Berger

Louis Berger SM '40, an engineer renowned for work that included some of the major civil engineering projects of this century, died in New York City last Monday at the age of 82.

He died of congestive heart failure after a short illness.

Berger's career was marked by a number of innovations in the construction of highways and airport runways on soft ground. At the time of his death, Berger headed the Berger Group, the firm he founded in 1953 and built it into a prominent engineering business that presently employs about 3,000 people internationally.

Berger was born in 1914 in Lawrence, Massachusetts, where he grew up. He received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Tufts College in 1936 and a master's degree from MIT for his work in geology in 1940. He later went on to earn a doctorate in soil mechanics from Northwestern University.

Berger's earlier engineering accomplishments included the design of waterfront facilities along the Mississippi River while he was a member of the United States Coast Guard during World War II.

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The "Laygos" truck rounds the corner into University Park during the Cambridge Carnival on Saturday, August 3. INDRANATH NEOGY—THE TECH

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# WORLD & NATION

## PC Virus 'Hare' to Activate Today

NEWSDAY

Rumors of a deadly computer virus were circulating on the Internet as early as the first days of June. With a phone call July 3 from an unhappy customer in New Zealand to a Southern California company that fights computer viruses, rumor edged toward fact.

The customer, the University of Auckland, sent a sample of the virus to Charles Renert, development manager for the Antivirus Research Center of the Symantec/Peter Norton Group, makers of the popular Norton AntiVirus. The head digital epidemiologist at the Santa Monica company dissected the code.

The Hare Krishna virus is designed to wipe out every piece of data on every PC-Compatible computer it comes across. It will flash "HDEuthanasia by Demon Emperor: Hare Krishna, hare, hare" on the screen of an infected machine. It will activate today, Thursday Aug. 22.

While the highly infectious Hare virus is constructed in a way that could enable it to wipe out every file on a computer's memory, Renert and his colleagues in the antivirus industry counsel caution and safety, not panic.

Jimmy Kuo, senior virus researcher at McAfee Associates Inc., said that the computers of the world are too diverse and complex for a virus to cause total havoc. Kuo estimated that only between 100 and 1,000 computers would be affected Thursday. The virus is believed to be the work of a hacker from New Zealand, Australia or Europe, depending on who's doing the digital detective work.

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

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## ValuJet May Re-open in September

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

ValuJet Airlines, which stopped flying two months ago because of U.S. regulators' worries about its flight safety, will not get approval to resume flying by Friday, its target date, and likely will have to wait until at least early September to restart its operations, sources at the Department of Transportation said Tuesday.

The Atlanta-based carrier voluntarily grounded its fleet June 17 after the Federal Aviation Administration found "serious deficiencies" with its maintenance program in inspections following the May 11 crash of Flight 592 in the Florida Everglades. ValuJet officials have said they want to get back in the air quickly, with at least a few flights, to win back customers and begin rebuilding the carrier.

ValuJet must obtain clearances from the FAA, which is reviewing the airline's aircraft and safety procedures, and the DOT, which is reviewing its financial health and management. The FAA's review may be finished by Friday, according to DOT and ValuJet sources.

But the DOT, which oversees the FAA, appears to be at least 10 days away from issuing the airline a "certificate of fitness," according to DOT sources. The carrier needs that certificate, which was pulled when ValuJet voluntarily ceased operations, before it can begin advertising and selling seats on its flights.

Still, ValuJet is preparing for its return and has begun recalling some of its flight crews. Tuesday, Lewis Jordan, president of the carrier, maintained that ValuJet meets DOT's fitness criteria, and should be granted permission to fly.

"We are hopeful that we will be approved to return to flying status as soon as possible," Jordan said.

## WEATHER

### High-pressure Start to the Year

By Gerard Roe

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A fine day is in prospect. A slightly unsettled air mass will move away to the east by early morning, replaced by a weak high pressure and mostly sunny skies. The weaker gradients should allow a sea breeze to develop keeping locations close to the coast down to around 75°F (24°C). As the high pressure is in turn displaced by a low pressure trough during Friday, the clouds will build back up, and scattered showers are a possibility, although they are more likely to the north and west.

**Thursday:** Patchy fog burning off during the morning. A fair day, with a few scattered clouds and a light northwesterly wind about 10 mph (16 kmh). Sea breeze in the afternoon should cap temperatures at around 75°F (24°C).

**Thursday night:** Winds shifting round to southwesterly. Low of about 62°F (17°C).

**Friday:** Becoming more cloudy as cold front approaches. Scattered showers are possible on Friday afternoon. High 80-85°F (27-29°C). Low 65°F (18°C).

# Clinton to Sign Order for FDA Regulation of Tobacco

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THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Clinton is scheduled on Friday to sign an executive order putting into effect his administration's long-awaited proposal to regulate tobacco products to curb underage smoking, the White House said Wednesday.

The action, which would give broad new powers to the Food and Drug Administration to regulate tobacco sales and advertising to minors, could be delayed because the Office of Management and Budget is still analyzing the final proposal, presidential spokesman Michael McCurry told reporters. He said no announcement could occur before that process was completed.

Administration officials said the FDA's final recommendation closely resembles the proposal Clinton unveiled a year ago. McCurry said the final proposal does differ modestly from the original regulatory plan. Last August, Clinton urged regulations that would limit tobacco ads, ban vending machine sales and require tobacco companies to pay for an education campaign against underage smoking.

McCurry said Clinton strongly favors some form of tobacco regulation to prevent another generation of addicted smokers. "His intent all along has been to promulgate a rule that would accomplish the health policy objectives he outlined," McCurry said.

In Clinton's new book, "Between Hope and History," the president writes, "The tobacco

industry has no right to peddle cigarettes to children or encourage them directly or indirectly to smoke. It is immoral."

By signing the executive order, Clinton will officially accept the FDA regulations, which would begin to put the proposals into effect.

Response from the tobacco industry and its allies was swift. "The president is in effect declaring war on 76,000 North Carolinians who gain their livelihood in one form or another from tobacco," said Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

"Their proposals are ineffective and illegal," said Brennan Dawson, a spokeswoman for the Tobacco Institute. "Ineffective, in that what FDA proposed to reduce youth smoking won't work. Illegal in that this is an agency that does not have jurisdiction over the product."

When the administration first considered taking on the politically powerful tobacco industry, many saw it as an election risk, especially in tobacco-growing states.

But the proposals have proved popular, and administration strategists believe they amplify one of the president's main campaign messages: that Clinton is willing to use the powers of the Executive Branch to protect children. That could set up a contrast with GOP candidate Bob Dole, who last month drew a torrent of negative publicity when he questioned whether nicotine is addictive. Repeated polls have shown smokers and nonsmokers alike approve of some government plans to restrict youth access to tobacco.

The original plan contained a variety of measures to reduce youth access to tobacco products, including restrictions on tobacco ads in publications with a significant proportion of young readers, and bans on billboard advertising near schools and playgrounds. The plan called for a ban on brand-name sponsorship of sporting events and logos on T-shirts, caps and other goods.

The original proposal would also restrict ways cigarettes are sold, requiring proof of age for all youthful buyers, and eliminating all but face-to-face sales. It called for a \$150 million, industry funded program to warn young people about the health risks of tobacco.

McCurry stressed Wednesday that all of the regulatory proposals are aimed at reducing underage smoking, and said "for adult users" the regulatory package would have "no practical effect."

When the FDA proposal was first announced just over a year ago, major tobacco companies sued in federal court in North Carolina to block the plan.

Since then the industry has announced additional voluntary programs to curb youth access to tobacco products, and earlier this year Philip Morris and U.S. Tobacco unveiled proposed legislation that resembled the FDA plan in some respects but was considerably looser in its particulars.

A senior administration official said none of the proposals brought forward from Congress or from the industry would have fulfilled the administration's goals.

# South Africa's de Klerk Denies Role in Human Rights Abuses

By Bob Drogin

LOS ANGELES TIMES

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

In the four months since this nation's Truth and Reconciliation Commission began investigating the apartheid era, hundreds of victims and survivors have described in agonizing detail how successive white racist governments used murder, torture and other atrocities to oppress the black majority and keep a tight grip on power.

Many pleaded, often in tears, simply for an explanation as to who had ordered such gruesome abuses, and why.

On Wednesday, the white former president, Frederik W. de Klerk, appeared before the commission to provide some answers. The bottom line: He didn't do it and he doesn't know who did.

Testifying and answering questions for almost three hours, the National Party leader vehemently denied that he or other senior leaders during his tenure in government, from 1982 to 1994, had ever ordered or condoned "gross violations of human rights."

De Klerk said government and party policy "within my knowledge and experience ... never included the authorization of assassination, murder, torture, rape, assault or the like."

He added, "Nor did I individually directly or indirectly ever suggest, order or authorize any such action."

In a 30-page submission to the commission, de Klerk conceded only that the strict racial laws of apartheid, backed by police-state tactics in what the government then viewed as a war for survival against Communists and black revolutionar-

ies, had "created an atmosphere conducive to abuses and transgressions."

He said "extensive steps" were taken to prevent such abuses but he did not reveal them.

Although de Klerk's testimony was his most extensive to date about the rise and fall of apartheid, he provided few new details from previous statements. He repeated earlier apologies for the pain and suffering caused by apartheid and accepted "overall responsibility" for government actions while he was president, from 1989 until the first all-race elections in 1994.

But in a surprising defense of apartheid, de Klerk claimed that blacks had "benefited enormously" from the white regime's race-based policies. He said the system based on white supremacy had increased black enrollment in schools, built new hospitals and houses and led to greater wealth for many people.

Almost 19,000 people were killed in political violence between September 1984 and December 1993. In his submission, de Klerk repeatedly tried to share the blame, accusing the African National Congress and other militant groups of killing hundreds of people in terrorist bombings, burnings and other attacks.

But at a news conference later, he refused to estimate how many people the apartheid governments had killed or to specify any human rights abuses for which his party or its supporters were responsible. He insisted, instead, that he had moved to stop or to investigate covert death squads and other illegal government operations as soon as he learned of them.

"We never covered up," he said.

De Klerk's appearance marked a new phase for the Truth Commission, in which the major political parties are to explain their version of history and their role in the political violence.

Four smaller parties appeared earlier this week and the governing African National Congress, headed by President Nelson Mandela, will testify Thursday. Former leaders of the apartheid-era police force and the military also have agreed to testify but no dates have been scheduled.

As for Wednesday's session, Thabo Mbeki, the executive deputy president in Mandela's ANC government, denounced the testimony, saying afterward that, "my overall impression is that de Klerk treated the commission with contempt."

De Klerk began the political reforms in 1990 that ultimately led to the end of apartheid.

He shared the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize with Mandela and served as Mandela's deputy president until last June, when he resigned and pulled his party out of government to create a formal opposition in Parliament.

The 17-member Truth Commission, headed by retired Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, was mandated by the Constitution to document the horrors of the past in hopes of promoting national reconciliation under the new democracy.

Besides providing a public catharsis for victims and survivors, the commission is empowered to offer compensation for victims of political crimes and to offer amnesty to those who fully confess their role in apartheid-era atrocities. About 500 people have testified so far.

# Lebed Seeks to Avert Slaughter Of Civilians in Chechen Conflict

By Vanora Bennett  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

Alexander I. Lebed, Russia's audacious security chief, flew to the breakaway region of Chechnya Wednesday to try to avert the slaughter of tens of thousands of civilians trapped in the Chechen capital, Grozny, if Russian generals carry out a threat to bomb the rebel-held city into submission Thursday morning.

Lt. Gen. Konstantin B. Pulikovsky, acting commander of the Russian forces who are fighting separatists in Chechnya, disrupted a peace process started by Lebed last week with his own Tuesday ultimatum for the separatists who have held Grozny since Aug. 6 to get out of town in 48 hours or face a deadly assault.

The latest Chechen crisis also has disclosed a paralyzed, leaderless Russia, with the ailing President Boris N. Yeltsin absent from duty, political leaders — apart from Lebed — apparently unable or

unwilling to stop the army bosses and no one quite sure who is running this vast nuclear superpower.

Only Lebed sounded certain his peace moves were still on track. "We will no longer speak the language of ultimatums," he told reporters in the southern Chechen village of Noviy Atagi, where he met Chechen chief of staff Aslan Maskhadov after holding brief talks with the Russian generals at their base on the eastern edge of Grozny.

"We will resolve this problem by the morning. ... We will be guided by humane-ness and reason," added Lebed, a popular former general with a mandate from Yeltsin to find an end to the 20-month war.

But it remained unclear whose orders the 40,000 Russian Defense and Interior Ministry troops based in Chechnya would obey: those of Lebed or their own generals.

Confusion reigned in Grozny, where terrified, elderly refugees stumbled out of their cellars and ruined homes on foot through an afternoon of Russian shelling and

airstrikes. They tried to save themselves from the threat of even more deadly bombing in the morning.

Political chaos has also come to Moscow since Pulikovsky started his 48-hour countdown. Despite a storm of protests, threats and pleas, no one in a position of authority has clearly reversed him and ordered him to stand down from his plans. His boss, Lt. Gen. Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, rushed back from vacation Wednesday night. But he quickly made clear he backed Pulikovsky's plans for more war.

Defense Minister Yuri N. Rodionov, a Lebed ally, said Wednesday that Pulikovsky had been acting on his own initiative when he issued his ultimatum and had been "reprimanded." But he did not cancel the order.

Pulikovsky's ultimatum came after Yeltsin's staff issued confusingly worded instructions, which they said came from the president himself, to restore the situation in the Chechen capital to what it had been before Aug. 6.

# Susan McDougal Gets Two-Year Prison Term for Whitewater Role

By Sara Fritz  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

One of President Clinton's long-time friends and investment partners, Susan McDougal, was sentenced Tuesday to serve two years in prison and repay about \$600,000 to the government for her conviction on fraud charges stemming from the Whitewater investigation.

Even though McDougal played a relatively small part in the Whitewater saga, she received one of the toughest sentences meted out in the case so far — only four months less than the central figure in the conspiracy, David Hale.

Her attorney, Bobby McDaniel, said Tuesday that McDougal received a harsh sentence because, unlike many other defendants, McDougal, 42, has refused all entreaties to cooperate with Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

The sentencing of co-defendant James McDougal, her ex-husband, has been delayed until Nov. 18 because he is now cooperating with the prosecution in exchange for leniency. A third defendant in the case, former Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, received four years probation on Monday after convinc-

ing the judge that he would die from a life-threatening illness if confined to prison.

McDaniel said Starr's staff recently offered to get Susan McDougal's sentence reduced to probation if she would "provide information that she might have against Bill and Hillary Clinton."

He said she refused to cooperate because she has no information of wrongdoing by the Clintons. Starr, a Republican, has repeatedly insisted that his intention is to uncover the truth about Whitewater, not to build a case against the Clintons.

As a result of McDougal's refusal to cooperate with what she believes is a politically motivated investigation of the Clintons, McDaniel said, "she feels like what she is is a political prisoner in the United States."

Although McDougal intends to appeal, U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. ordered her to begin serving her sentence on Sept. 30. In addition to a fine of \$5,000, she was instructed to reimburse the government for the \$300,000 loan she failed to repay to a federally-backed institution, plus about the same amount in interest.

McDougal, who has no source of income, was convicted on three

counts of fraud in connection with a \$300,000 loan she received in the mid-1980s from a small business investment owned by Hale and funded by the government.

The \$300,000 loan at issue in the trial was one of a number of transactions that were reputedly part of a larger financial conspiracy by the McDougals, Hale and Tucker to defraud Hale's investment firm and Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan, which was owned by the McDougals.

Hale maintains he made the loan, which was never repaid, to Susan McDougal under pressure from her then-husband and then-Gov. Clinton. He said Clinton later told him Susan McDougal had squandered the money.

Although her loan application concealed the real purpose of her loan, McDougal claims she borrowed \$300,000 from Hale to develop a real estate venture known as Lorraine Heights. About \$25,000 went toward acquiring the property from International Paper Co., she said, and another \$105,000 for the construction of roads and drainage.

At one point shortly after Lorraine Heights was acquired, the property was held briefly by the Whitewater venture.

# Lack of Cooperation between Utilities Causes Midwestern Power Failure

By Patrick Lee  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SAN FRANCISCO

This month's massive blackout in the West could have been avoided if officials in Oregon had simply notified California electric utilities when the first power line failed more than an hour and 40 minutes before the whole system went down, experts testified Wednesday.

They also revealed a host of additional problems — including poor communications, out-of-service power plants and a maze of conflicting federal agencies with piecemeal oversight of various elements of the power system — that might have made the blackout worse than it had to be.

Had utilities such as Pacific Gas & Electric and Southern California Edison been alerted at the outset, they could have taken steps to avert the outage, according to a top PG&E official testifying at an emergency meeting of the California Public Utilities Commission.

But operators of the Oregon

transmission grid were not required to notify other utilities of potential problems when the first of five power lines sagged into a tree at 2:06 p.m. on Aug. 10, well before 4 million people in nine states were suddenly left powerless.

It wasn't until 3:47 p.m., when a third power line tripped in Oregon, that operators made the call. By then, the shutdown of the entire system was only six minutes away.

"The magnitude of the problem wasn't recognized until it was too late," said E. James Macias, PG&E's general manager of electric transmission. The procedure has been changed so that operators now inform others about any such line failure.

The agency responsible for the Oregon transmission lines that triggered the outage is the federal Bonneville Power Administration, whose chief executive, Randy Hardy, testified:

"The issue is not the failure to follow procedures ... but that maybe the procedures weren't ade-

quate to deal with the circumstances. We don't know that yet."

Many of the problems cited Wednesday concerned the power system in Oregon, where simultaneous line outages tripped generators and cut electricity on the main lines to California. While some of the problems have been corrected, others are still under review, utility executives, regulators and others told the utilities commission.

In the meantime, imports of cheap Pacific Northwest hydroelectric power to California have been cut back to 67 percent of capacity to reduce the load on a system that critics say had become seriously strained.

"The transmission grid is taxed to its maximum capabilities, and the margin of error has been cut way down," said Nettie Hoge, head of the consumer group Toward Utility Rate Normalization. "As we rush toward cheaper power in whatever form we do it, we could be experiencing more of these outages."

# Netscape Charges Microsoft With Antitrust Violations

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Netscape Communications Corp. has asked the Justice Department to intensify its scrutiny of possible antitrust violations by Microsoft Corp.

In an Aug. 12 letter to the Justice Department released by Netscape's counsel Tuesday, Netscape offers a laundry list of ways in which it contends "Microsoft's conduct appears to violate both the letter and spirit" of the consent decree, signed by Microsoft and the government in July 1994. The consent decree aimed to restrict behavior that the Justice Department contended was anti-competitive. By signing the decree, Microsoft did not acknowledge it had acted unlawfully — simply that it would comply with it in the future.

The eight-page letter, written by Netscape's outside legal counsel, Gary Reback of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, argues that Microsoft is unfairly offering computer hardware makers financial "inducements" for exclusively including its software for browsing the World Wide Web on their computers — or for making Netscape's software "far less accessible to users."

For instance, the letter states that Hitachi has refused to bundle Netscape's software on its laptop computers "because it says that it is prohibited from carrying the product under its license with Microsoft."

A spokeswoman for Hitachi said the company had not yet seen the letter and could not comment on any licensing arrangements with Microsoft.

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# U.S. Student Enrollment to Reach Record 51.7 Million

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

More students will enroll in school this fall than ever before, surpassing a peak reached 25 years ago and causing a serious strain on school budgets around the country, the Education Department said in a report Wednesday.

"When school starts this year, I would hope that most districts have analyzed their own situation and prepared for it," said Education Secretary Richard W. Riley, who released the report.

The student enrollment record of 51.7 million students nationwide this fall will continue to be broken every year for the next 10 years, amounting to a 15 percent increase by 2006, the report said.

California, which has the largest student population in the country at 5.8 million, is expected to lead the surge, adding a million more students over the next 10 years.

California, alone, will have to find seats for an additional 525,000 high school students by 2006 and build 20,000 new classrooms, according to Riley and Mamie Starr, chairwoman of the Coalition for Adequate School Housing of California.

Although California faces the largest increase, 31 other states also will see substantial growth in their student populations. Districts across the country will need 6,000 more schools and 190,000 more teachers at an estimated cost of \$15.1 billion to meet the demands.

# Six Finalists Chosen For World War II Memorial

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Six finalists, ranging from a graduate student to prominent design professionals, have been selected from more than 400 entries in the first phase of a design competition for the National World War II Memorial on the Mall.

Chosen on the basis of their "preliminary visions" for the memorial, each of the finalists received \$75,000 to develop the concepts into detailed designs. Judging will take place in late October, with the winner to be announced late this year, according to the American Battle Monuments Commission.

The designs will not be made public until after the final choice is made, "to maintain the integrity of the procurement process," the ABMC said. "At this early stage I think it would be wrong for each of the entrants to view what the others had done," said Bill Lacy, professional adviser to the competition.

Intended to memorialize America's World War II veterans and acknowledge the war's importance at home as well as abroad, the memorial is to be located on 7.4 acres of the Mall, at the eastern end of the Reflecting Pool, between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

# OPINION

## Welcome, Class of 2000

Welcome to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Welcome to the Class of 2000, families, and friends. For the next several days, you will be welcomed by many groups including dormitories, fraternities or sororities, independent living groups, athletic associations, and dozens of student activities. They will welcome your ambition, your talents, your sociability, and, of course, your intellects. You undoubtedly paid your dues to make it this far, so take a moment to savor the fruit of your labors. You will be welcomed, and you are entitled to feel accordingly.

MIT offers a system of residence and orientation that is unlike any other school of its kind. Today you have just unzipped your suitcase. In two weeks' time, you will be fully settled into permanent housing. You are guaranteed housing. You are not, however, guaranteed happiness.

Residence and Orientation Week and independent living group rush is a perennial time of heightened emotion. As mature young adults, you must avoid getting caught up in the glitz, and take advantage of the opportunities that are best for you. You will have to make many decisions in the next four years, but those that you make in these first weeks may be the most trying.

Informed decisions are difficult during R/O because of the deceptions inherent in the system. Dormitories hope to take in

people who will best fit the local community, and contribute to the character and lifestyle of the residence. ILGs are perhaps even more zealous in this respect. In addition, a "badmouthing rule" prevents members of many fraternities and sororities from speaking their minds. MIT itself has a conflict of interest when it comes to information: It depends on ILGs, particularly fraternities, to bear the housing load. It can be difficult to get the straight story from anyone.

Beyond the newly painted walls, steamed lobsters, and the trips and activities that will be at your disposal this week, keep in mind the goals of your hosts, and your own goals. Wherever you visit and whomever you are with, don't lose sight of your own best interests.

Acting in your own interest means making decisions. For instance, you will be told that many events, such as Project Move Off Your Assumptions, are "mandatory." You will be told that Thursday Night Dinners is not a rush event. You will have to determine the validity of these statements yourself. Only you are qualified to say what you should or should not do.

The most important advice we can give is to relax. Take the time to keep yourself in control, and avoid being pressured. Registration Day is not until September 3. There is no reason to start getting stressed now.

## Rush, but Try Not to Miss the Rest of MIT

Column by A. Arif Husain  
OPINION EDITOR

Okay freshmen, please repeat after me: confidence, self-esteem, sociability, free time, round smiling faces. Yes, that's right folks, Residence and Orientation Week has begun, and you happy people are on your way to MIT stardom, so you won't be needing any of these pesky qualities to slow you down. Nope, in this oasis of tech all you'll need is an Athena account and a #2 pencil, and you'll be well on your way to degree-city in no time.

But don't be discouraged. In return for your small sacrifice, you'll be granted ample quantities of stress, plenty of anguish, and a bill for a good hundred or so thousand bucks in tuition and expenses — all wrapped so delicately in the beautifully printed diploma that will bear the glory of your Institute days. And if you're really lucky, there's a chance that you may actually learn a few things here and there. But don't quote me on that.

Suffering, however, is obviously not the whole story. Over the next few years, you'll become very fond of the ideals of a tortured nerd. You'll cherish your lack of sleep. You'll wallow in the self-created misery of overdue papers, exam-time crunches, and lab, lab, lab. Caffeine will become your soulmate. You'll complain to your friends. You'll complain to your parents. You'll complain to your parents' friends. We've all done it. Don't be ashamed. It's one of the few common threads that keeps

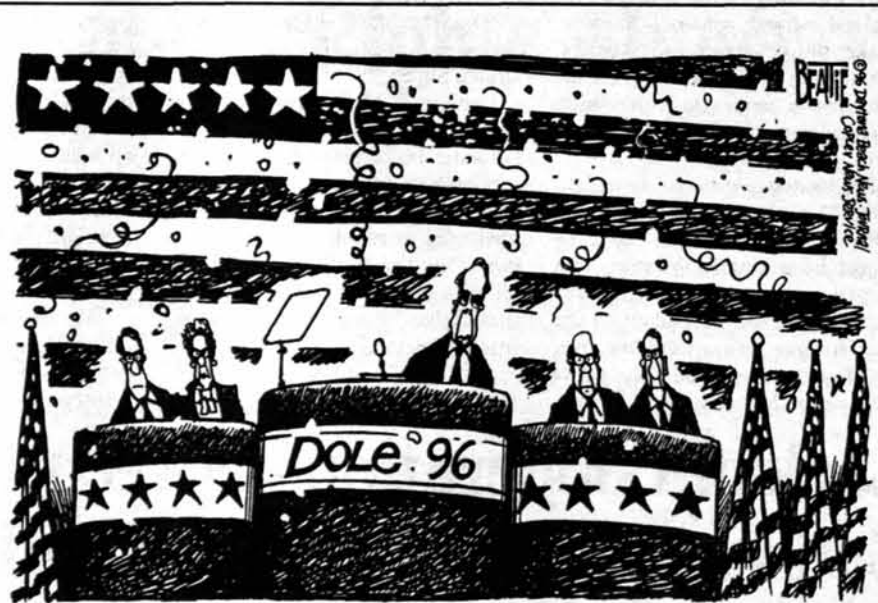
our campus together, so enjoy it. Just don't get carried away.

You've made a decision to attend one of the finest academic and research institutions on the planet. Your decision could potentially open up countless doors in your future, from graduate school to the job market. In the meantime, you'll have four (or so) years to take advantage of hundreds of student activities, publications, social groups, and countless offerings in varsity and intramural athletics from one of the most abundant collegiate athletic programs. All the while you'll have the unique opportunity to interact with a hand-picked crop of whiz kids from all 50 states and dozens of foreign countries. And for God's sake, if you live in a dorm you'll have a 10 megabit-per-second Ethernet connection, and if you're in an independent living group you won't be so bad off, either. So be stressed, be overworked, but keep in mind that resources abound, and opportunity awaits.

You worked hard to get here, you'll work hard to stay here. It's the next few weeks that

will likely be the most hectic. You'll need to make living arrangements, choose your classes, make new friends, and settle into the Cantabrigian lifestyle. But don't miss out on all that Boston has to offer. There's Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall, Government Center, the Common, and the North End. Catch a show at the Wang Center, bask in Beethoven at Symphony Hall, or cheer for the hometown underdogs at Fenway Park or the Fleet Center. But soon problem sets will be due, and all of that culture, art, sports, and leisure will start to seem frivolous. You might feel like you're losing touch with the outside world. Personal hygiene will undoubtedly take a hit, and the word "fashion" will never so much as light up a neuron. Well, if that's the case, give yourself a pat on the back. Welcome to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology — you'll just fine.

A. Arif Husain, a senior in the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, is lobbying fiercely to make Prozac an over-the-counter drug.



"Would the Religious Right be satisfied with a 'DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL' policy for moderates?"

## ERRATUM

The story "MIT to Subsidize all MBTA Passes" in the Wednesday, July 24 issue of *The Tech* mistakenly reported that the only MIT students who would be eligible for the discount program were student employees — research and teaching assistants. In fact, all off-campus, non-parking permit students are eligible.

The article also did not specify that a T pass program set up by the Graduate Student Council a few years ago was available to students only.

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# Institutve Lacks Credibility to Represent Student Affairs

Column by Anders Hove  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Every so often this newspaper runs a fairly lengthy story describing the progress of other campus publications. *Counterpoint* and *The Thistle* are covered, as are *Technique* and *Voodoo*. The campus print media may take pot shots at each other now and then, but they largely compliment each other. They also provide each other with some healthy competition.

One new campus publication has received next to zero media attention. *Institutve*, which calls itself "The Electronic Journal of Student Affairs," is essentially a restricted e-mail list. It has been published via e-mail on an almost weekly basis for nearly a year. Whatever their feelings about its content, administrators and student leaders often discuss it. Not, however, in print. What is this new journal, and why have this paper and other publications chosen to ignore it?

Any serious description of *Institutve* must begin with its self-styled editor, John S. Hollywood G. Few people on this campus could claim to be more involved in student government than Hollywood has been during his first four years at MIT. He was involved in the Undergraduate Association from the beginning, co-author of a controversial UA report on housing, and an unsuccessful candidate for UA president. Hollywood also worked for *Counterpoint*, and sat on the Institute Committee on Student Affairs.

*Institutve* the magazine was begun by a "foundation" of the same name in the fall of 1995. The foundation was founded in turn by Hollywood and a couple of friends from the UA Committee on Student Life. In spirit, *Institutve* was a natural outgrowth of Hollywood's frequent e-mails to the committee's mailing list, which included quite a few students and administrators who had never even heard of the committee itself.

The task of describing *Institutve's* coverage of student affairs is hardly difficult. Topics that fall within Hollywood's area of prior interest or current employment receive a coverage more suited to a press release than to a news article. In the three summer 1996 issues, there were 13 articles or editorials. Eight of the 13 stories covered re-engineering topics; two covered the activities of the Food Ser-

vices Advisory Board. Hollywood is personally involved in and employed by re-engineering; he sits on the Food Services Advisory Board.

Journalistic integrity is hard to come by in a school of medium size, and chances are that those who get involved in one activity are also involved in others, or have friends who are. Conflicts of interest are a part of my organization, and my work as well, as much as I might try to minimize them.

The problem with *Institutve*, however, is that conflict of interest is not even looked at as a problem. Only recently have articles even bothered to include the name of the author. Non-profit print publications are legally required to place a mast identifying staff members within the first five pages of the paper. *Institutve* is not bound by this rule, nor does it publish a list of its staff.

Anonymity is only part of the problem. Most papers try to keep sources strictly separated from reporters. When the two get too close — as they do in *Primary Colors*, by Joe Klein — serious ethical charges are raised against the journalists involved and the organization they work for. Not so for *Institutve*. As its recruitment literature makes clear, the sources are the reporters.

The conflation of reporter and source results in some tantalizing journalistic output. Take the headline on a one paragraph story that ran July 9, 1996: "Housing and Residence Life: Re-engineering Team's Mission Changed." Suffice it to say, the result is not terribly gripping.

Concentration on re-engineering aside, the real problem with *Institutve* has less to do with its information than with its image. The fact is, many people get valuable information from *Institutve* that, unfortunately, is not being provided anywhere else, including *The Tech*. But to label this paltry sum of re-engineering updates and committee reports a "journal of student affairs" does a grave injustice to both student affairs, and to the readers of the e-mail itself.

I don't worry too much for the student readers of *Institutve*; they are savvy enough to understand where the information in *Institutve* comes from, and they can place it in context themselves. Many administrators, however,

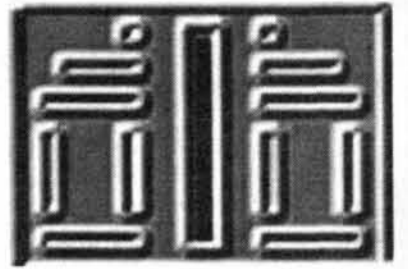
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have little or no contact with students; they find the stories in *Institutve* factual enough and are thus liable to conclude that its claim to represent the whole of student affairs is factual as well.

The fact is that far from being a journal of student affairs, *Institutve* has concerned itself almost entirely with the work of administrators, or the re-engineering committees they run. Administrators who want to be the focus of undergraduate life find confirmation of their view in *Institutve*. Anyone holding the belief that students have power and influence, or that they ought to have more power to manage their lives, would find scant evidence in *Institutve*.

In the deans office and in the *Institutve* e-mails, it is often lamented that students don't get more involved in their community. The fact is that they do. Their community simply does not intersect with the administration's. Two parallel worlds exist on campus: an administration world and a student world. The first is ignorant of the other, and thus purports to manage both worlds. *Institutve* unwittingly helps the administration hold onto this view by portraying it as the be-all and end-all of student affairs coverage.

It is unfortunate that important student organizations and activities are essentially invisible to all but those directly involved in their operation. If the press, and *Institutve*, whatever it is, could do one thing to serve students on campus, it would be to augment the voices of student leaders, rather than pandering to administration apologists by magnifying the gyrations of Building 7 bigwigs.



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Room 26-100	Monday Aug. 26	Tuesday Aug. 27	Wednesday Aug. 28	Thursday Aug. 29
9am	Introduction to Athena	Introduction to Athena	Working on Athena	Working on Athena
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11am	Introduction to Athena	Introduction to Athena	Working on Athena	Working on Athena
noon	Basic Word Processing & E-mail	Basic Word Processing & E-mail	Advanced Word Processing: EZ	Advanced Word Processing: EZ
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  - *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary*
  - *Oxford English Dictionary*

- Internet Resource Collections, such as electronic journals and on-line newspapers
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Find out about Residential Computing:  
<http://web.mit.edu/rescomp/www/>



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Malaysia	2
Nepal	2
New Zealand	2
Norway	2
Pakistan	4
Romania	4
Singapore	5
Sri Lanka	3
Thailand	5
Trinidad and Tobago	2
Turkey	4
United Kingdom	2

Countries sending one new MIT student: Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bolivia, Bosnia, China, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Jamaica, Macedonia (F.Y.R.), Peru, Portugal, Russia, South Africa, St. Vincent, Syria, Taiwan, and Venezuela.

SOURCE: INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICE

# Int'l R/O Acclimates Students

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events helped ease the initial apprehensions she had when she arrived at MIT. "The events made me feel better," she said. "The people who organized the events were great. I'm really thankful to them."

The events, both social and useful, are aimed at getting freshmen adjusted to MIT and American cul-

ture, said Milena M. Levak, associate dean and section head in the International Students Office. "Many of them are here for the first time in the United States."

International R/O is intended as a smooth transition time. Students "will go through a period of adjustment," Levak said. "Homesickness, missing their food and missing their friends — this is part of adjustment."

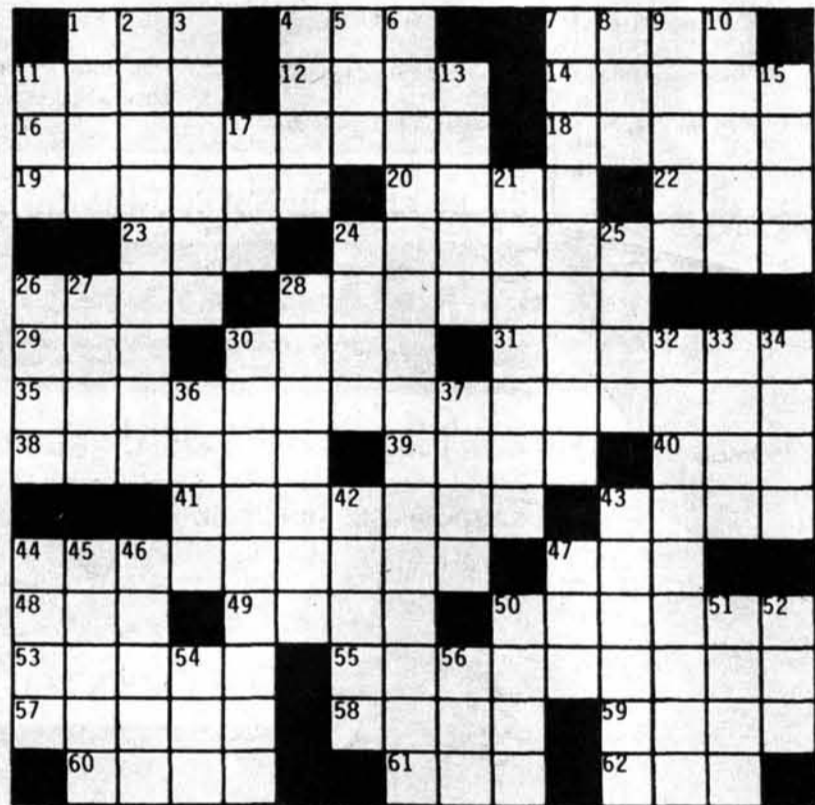
Holding International R/O before regular R/O begins and other students arrive helps with the transition.

"There's a different purpose for regular R/O," particularly with the pressures of rush, Kamvysleis said. International R/O allows students to "do cool events without having anything else in mind."



International freshmen took advantage of the shade near East Campus for their "Pizza and Games!" event on Tuesday.

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# POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between July 19 and August 12:

**July 19:** East Campus, suspicious activity; Bldg. 5, wallet with credit cards and \$5 stolen; Bldg. E39, \$326 cash left in restroom discovered stolen a few minutes later; Westgate, annoying phone calls.

**July 20:** Albany Street Garage or Bldg. 68, wallet containing \$220 lost; LaVerde's, shoplifting.

**July 21:** Student Center, James G. Dunn, of 11 Garden St., Cambridge, taken into custody on service of a warrant; Bldg. NW22, laptop stolen, \$2,052.

**July 22:** Johnson Athletic Center, items stolen from Special Olympics; Bldg. 2, suspicious activity.

**July 23:** Ashdown House, annoying phone calls; Bldg. E40, harassing phone call; Bldg. 26, monitor stolen, \$399; Bldg. 54, four juveniles arrested for attempted larceny of bicycles; Bldg. E40, attempted larceny of a bicycle.

**July 24:** Burton-Conner House bicycle rack, bicycle stolen, \$800.

**July 25:** Student Center, bicycle seat cover stolen, \$70.

**July 26:** Bldg. 20, larceny of supplies, unknown value; Bldg. E40, wallet stolen, \$40; Bldg. 3, laptop stolen, cable cut, \$5,300; Bexley Hall, annoying phone calls; 55 Mass. Ave., Charles A. Purcell, of 20 Annunciation Rd., Boston, arrested for breaking and entering vehicles.

**July 27:** Albany Street, bicycle stolen from New House returned to owner; Pacific Lot, Leoroy Iceman, of 110 Haryshof, Roxbury, taken into custody on an outstanding warrant.

**July 28:** Walker Memorial, kitchen area broken into; New House, bicycle stolen, \$80; Bldg. 4, John Braxton, of 39 Boylston St., Boston, taken into custody on an outstanding warrant.

**July 29:** Bldg. 18, telephone stolen, \$750; Bldg. 10, suspicious activity, sculpture damaged; Bldg. 3, wallet and contents stolen, \$20 cash and over \$3,000 charged on credit cards; Zeta Psi, two backpacks and contents stolen, \$130 and \$20; Bldg. 36, male observed going through victim's backpack, victim gave a description, and Stephen Preston, of 5 Gartlant St., Jamaica Plain, observed fleeing area placed under arrest; Bldg. E53 and Bldg. E52, suspicious activity; MacGregor House, bicycle stolen, \$150.

**July 30:** Bldg. 14, cash stolen, \$17; Bldg. E52, wedding gifts stolen, unknown value; Pacific Lot, suspicious motor vehicle.

**July 31:** Bldg. 7, annoying e-mail; Bldg. 48, VCR stolen, \$400.

**Aug 1:** Bldg. NE43 parking lot, van broken into and briefcase stolen, \$300; Walker, cash stolen from pocketbook, \$100.

**Aug 2:** Bldg. 20, laptop stolen, \$2,000; Bldg. E18, tools stolen, \$1,145; Bldg. E40, computer equipment stolen, \$2,195; Student Center, computer stolen, \$1,865.

**Aug 3:** McCormick Hall, assault.

**Aug 5:** Bldg. 39, annoying phone call; Bldg. 3, backpack stolen, \$190; Bldg. 26, computer monitor stolen, \$300; Bldg. 16, bicycle seat stolen, \$30.

**Aug 6:** Bldg. E38, cash stolen, \$150.

**Aug 7:** Bldg. 16, scale stolen, \$3,000; Student Center bicycle rack, bicycle stolen, \$1,200; Bldg. E38, bicycle storage room broken into, not known if anything stolen; juvenile arrested for attempted larceny of bicycle parts; Bldg. 14, bicycle stolen, \$30; Tang Residence Hall, annoying phone call.

**Aug 8:** McCormick, credit card stolen; Bldg. E40, wallet stolen, \$160; Bldg. 20, speakers stolen, \$400; Plasma Fusion Center, camera and money stolen, \$1,340.



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# Banks Offer Variety of Packages for Students

By Shang-Lin Chuang  
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Choosing a bank is usually one of the first priorities of incoming students. Students should consider several elements of bank packages, including monthly fees, interest rates, convenience, service, and the ability to add features such as overdraft protection and bank credit cards.

Most banks waive monthly service charges for people under 19. While some students may find a good deal while they are under 19, they should keep in mind any charges they will incur later.

Most banks allow both checking and savings withdrawals, as well as money transfers and balance inquiries. Some banks charge a service fee for automated teller machine transactions made at machines owned by another bank, called "out-of-network" transactions.

A bank account can be a way to learn financial independence and build a good credit rating. While some students may be more interested in skipping the basics and investing their money in stocks or money market accounts, this article will cover the basic checking and saving packages at five MIT-area banks.

## Bank of Boston

The Bank of Boston's Basic Checking Account has no minimum balance and a \$2.50 monthly service fee which can be reduced to \$.50 with direct deposit. This package allows 10 checks or ATM transactions without charge. Additional checks or ATM transaction costs \$1 up to a maximum of \$6. For each non-network ATM transaction, there is a \$1.25 charge. The savings account has no minimum balance. The bank also offers a debit card for \$1.50 a month, 24-hour telephone banking, and home banking. There is no overdraft protection, and a credit card can be obtained but is not part of the package.

The bank emphasizes its merger with Baybank, which means that customers will have access to the Baybank branch in the Student Center as well as 1,500 Bank of Boston and Baybank ATMs without charge.

The closest Bank of Boston branch is located in Harvard Square.

The merger of Bank of Boston and Baybank will take place in the spring of 1997. At that time, new packages and plans will be worked out.

(Diane Greer, spokesperson, 800-229-3278)

## Baybank

Baybank emphasizes its Student Value Package which allows customers to write eight checks per month and have unlimited ATM transactions without charge. There is an additional \$.75 for each additional check, a \$6 monthly charge,

and no minimum balance for both the checking and companion saving accounts. The bank offers a debit card, 24-hour phone banking, overdraft protection of \$250, and an opportunity to obtain a credit card at no extra charge. Each non-network ATM transaction costs \$2. The bank offers a home banking program that is free for the first three months and \$3.50 a month after that for the ability to pay bills, all other services are free.

The bank now offers a promotion with Strawberries Records & Tapes which allows customers to receive discounts purchased at the store.

The closest Baybank branch is located in the Student Center.

(Diane Greer, spokesperson, 800-229-3278)

## Cambridge Trust Company

Cambridge Trust Company's ATM Convenience Account has no monthly service fee and requires no minimum balance. The first 50 checks are also printed free. ATM transactions at non-Cambridge Trust machines cost \$1, and each check after the first eight costs \$3.

The bank offers unlimited Point of Sale transactions, which acts like a debit card and can be used in supermarkets and gas station. If the account is inactive for 90 days, there will be a \$5 charge. Customers can apply for overdraft protection that can be as much as \$2,500 without any charge. The Passport Saving Account requires a minimum balance of \$200, allows three withdrawals for free, and charges \$1 for each additional.

Students can also choose the Personal Checking account which has a minimum balance of \$500, that has no monthly fee. The bank will charge \$5 monthly and \$.35 per transaction if the minimum balance is not maintained. This package also offers unlimited POS and ATM transactions but does not offer free checks.

Customers can apply for credit cards. There is no home banking, but there is phone banking.

## Local Banking Packages

	Bank of Boston	Baybank	Cambridge Trust Co.	Fleet	U.S. Trust
<b>Checking Package</b>	Basic Checking Account	Student Value Package	ATM Convenience Account	Flat Fee Checking Account	N/A
<b>Minimum Balance</b>	none	none	none	none	none
<b>Service Fee</b>	\$2.50	\$6.00	none	\$9.00	none
<b>Checks drawn w/o charge</b>	10 checks and	8	8	unlimited	unlimited
<b>ATM use w/o charge</b>	ATMs combined	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	10/day
<b>Non-bank transaction fee</b>	\$1.25	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.50	none

SOURCE: RESPECTIVE BANKS

The nearest Cambridge Trust Company branch and ATM are located in Kendall Square. Hours are Monday to Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm.

(Mark Scherer, customer service, 876-5500)

## Fleet

Fleet recommends its Flat Fee Checking Account which allows students unlimited check writing and ATM transactions with no minimum balance. Non-network ATM transactions will cost \$1.50. There is a \$9 monthly fee which can be reduced to \$7 with direct deposit for customers of all ages. Customers can apply for overdraft protection, but there is no computer banking. The bank will print the first 50 checks for free. Customers can apply for a debit card.

Students are offered a waiver of the service fee for the first three months if they open their accounts by the end of August. Students will also receive no fee for June, July, and August each year.

The nearest ATM is located in

Lobby 10. The nearest branch is located in Central Square with hours on Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(Kathy Papalioakakis, sales area, 800-841-4000)

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## U.S. Trust

U.S. Trust offers checking with no minimum balance, free checking, and no monthly service charge. Customers can apply for varied amount of overdraft protection with a \$12 annual fee. Ten ATM transactions are allowed each day from ATMs of

U.S. Trust and any other bank machine without charge. Customers can use phone banking from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. everyday, but there is no electronic home banking.

The bank offers saving accounts with no minimum balance with the same rules on ATM transactions as checking.

With a \$300 minimum balance, customers can receive all the same services with interest.

The bank will be offering a debit card in mid-October without fee. The bank's ATM card can currently be used at grocery stores and gas stations, and its functions will increase with the change in October.

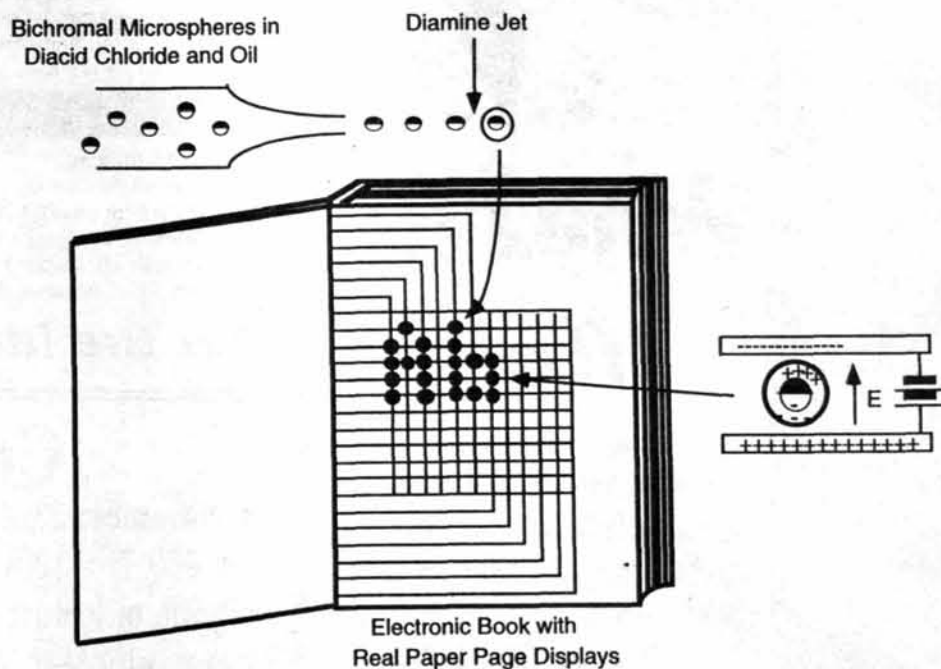
The nearest branches are located in Kendall Square and Central Square. The hours are Monday to Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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## IFC Aims to Prevent Rushing At Dinners, MOYA

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must arrive at Johnson between 5 and 5:30 p.m. to register.

After MOYA ends, the freshmen will enter Johnson through its four entrances, Fuchs said. Pathways will be made for the freshmen to enter Johnson without being hounded by upperclassmen.

Once all the freshmen enter Johnson, an announcement will be made that groups can leave and the upperclassmen can start to get freshmen, Fuchs said.

To prevent the mob scene that occurred last year, Dormcon and IFC Judcomm members, 12 administrators, and Campus Police will be there to help control the event, Fuchs said.

"We're really looking for the upperclassmen's cooperation so we can continue this important event," Fuchs said.

### Tech Trek finale added to MOYA

In the past, upperclassmen had commented that as freshmen they did not enjoy MOYA that much, Fuchs said.

In response, the MOYA committee — Fuchs, Teresa Huang '97, Nina A. Irani '97, John H. Kang '99, Sachiyo Minegishi '99, and Director of Physical Education Gordon V. Kelly — discussed changes in the program with administration, Fuchs said.

The result is that MOYA has been merged with "a great new finale," Fuchs said.

Some of the old MOYA activities will still be included this year, but MOYA will lead up to the finale, called Tech Trek, Fuchs said.

The details of Tech Trek are being kept a secret, even from the MOYA leaders, Fuchs said. The MOYA leaders will find out at the same time as the freshmen and will actually work alongside their groups. "We want the MOYA leaders to have as much fun as the freshmen," she said.

"If I could be anything other than R/O publicity and personnel manager, I would be a MOYA leader," Fuchs said. "It's an incredible program this year."

Prizes will also be awarded, Fuchs said.

Although rumors have circulated that Tech Trek will be a scavenger hunt, Fuchs said it was not.

### Measures made to avoiding blatant rushing

Since many MOYA leaders and Thursday Night Dinner groups are composed of IFC members, there have been concerns that upperclassmen blatantly rush freshmen, in violation of rush rules that prohibit rushing before Friday's Killian Kick-Off, the event that launches rush.

Several measures are in place to avoid any rushing.

MOYA leaders have to sign a contract that explicitly states that they will not allow any blatant rushing, said IFC Judcomm Chair Christopher G. Rodarte '97. The contract also summarizes IFC rush rules and made it clear that no rushing before Friday evening will be tolerated.

In addition, each MOYA group will usually have two leaders from different living groups, Rodarte said. In this manner, MOYA leaders will be able to enforce rules themselves.

"We're trying to bring to the MOYA leaders a sense of pride in representing MIT as a whole," Fuchs said. "Our program gives them a foundation in group facilitation to prepare them for being the first upperclass leaders the freshmen meet."

For Thursday Night Dinners, the IFC has limited the number of members per group that can go to the event, Rodarte said. Sororities are limited to 30 members each, while other independent living groups are limited to 15. Student identification cards will be checked at the door.

In the event that someone witnesses a rush violation, reports are filed with Rodarte or a Judcomm investigator, Rodarte said. Each FSILG has an assigned investigator who also will be in contact with the FSILG's rush chair. The investigator records information about the violation for hearings to be held after rush.

## Female Percentage Of Class Steadies; Minorities Increase

Freshmen, from Page 1

Associate for Residence and Campus Activities Phillip M. Bernard. "There is a possibility of crowding freshmen in their temporary rooms, but we want to be flexible and keep some room open for emergencies."

According to Bernard, over 90 percent of freshmen got one of their top three choices through the housing lottery last year, RCA "hopes for even better results" this year.

### Number of minorities increase

The total number of freshmen this year is 1,081, which is 49 fewer than last year. According to Director of Admissions Michael C. Behnke, this year was the most competitive for freshmen admissions.

"It was hardest to deal with our major competitors who changed their early action to solely early decision admissions since we cannot predict how many will actually enroll," he said.

MIT received 8,022 applications for admission, the highest ever, but only 24 percent — the lowest ever — of those applications were admitted.

The percentage of women in the freshman class has remained the same from last year at 42 percent. "The number of women, over 40 percent, in the entering class is clearly a trend that has solidified over the past years," Behnke said.

"This is a significant positive change, and we hope that it will keep going up and up." However, Behnke said that the strong percentage of women was not due to the

increase of interest in science and engineering on part of women, but instead a result of MIT's recruiting efforts to attract more women.

The percentage of underrepresented minorities in the class significantly increased this year, from 14 percent to 18 percent, while the percentage of Asians remained the same 24 percent.

Behnke also said that he was very happy with the results of the freshmen class enrollment. "It's nearly ideal to our goal," he said.

## Louis Berger SM '40 Dies at 82

Berger, from Page 1

In the early 1950s, Berger accomplished one of his first great projects — the design of part of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

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Under Berger's stewardship, his company has been responsible for the construction of over 100,000 miles of highway, 2,000 miles of railroad, and numerous bridges, airfields, and other projects in more than 100 countries.

In recent years, Berger worked to build an advanced computerized design system and supervised the building of the Second Bangkok International Airport. He continued to work on these projects even as he shied away from a formal management role in the Berger Group during the 1980s.

Berger is survived by his former wife Annette Block, two children, three siblings, three stepchildren, and two stepgrandchildren.

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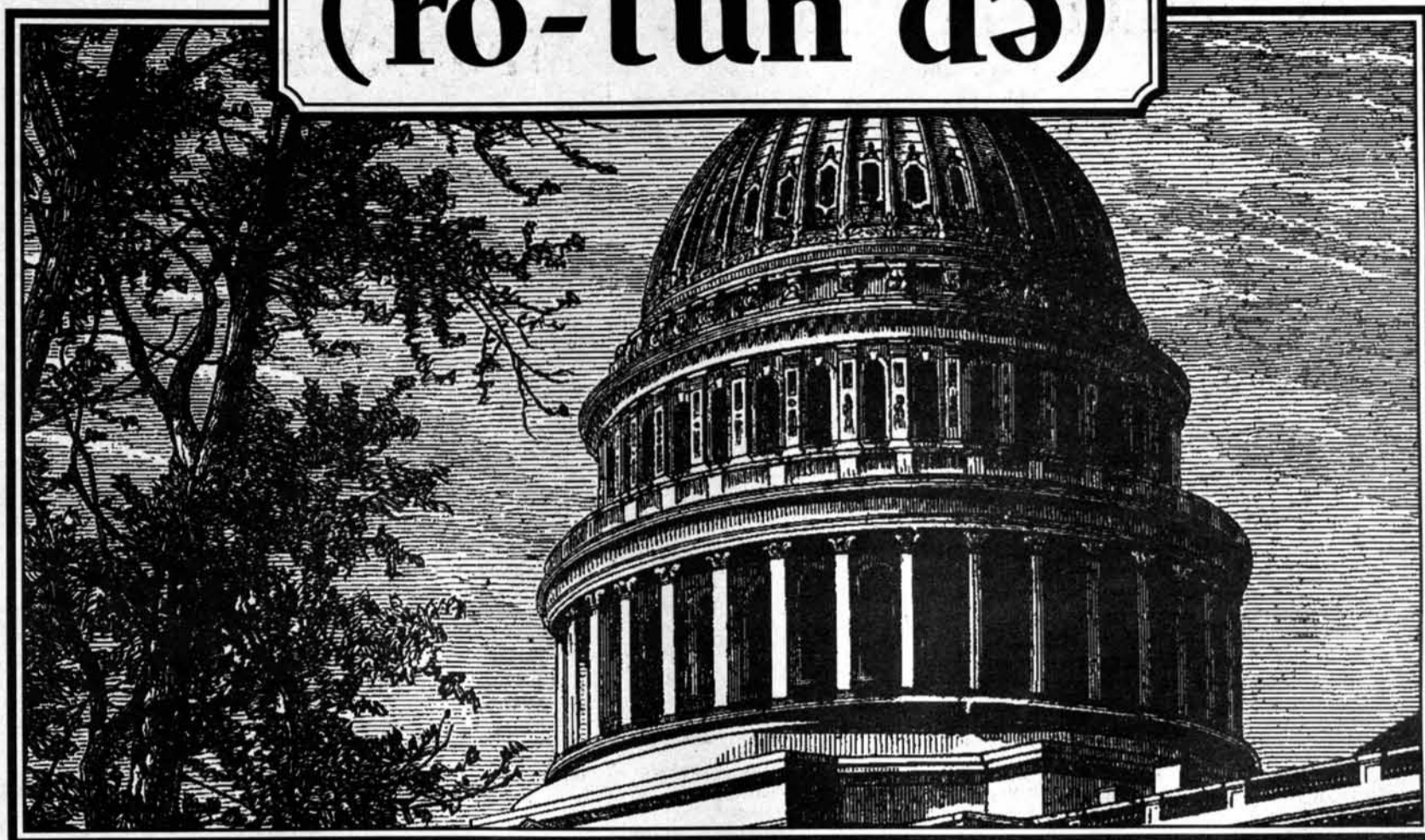
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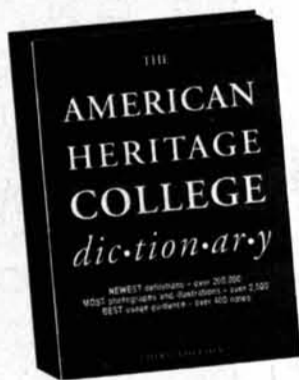
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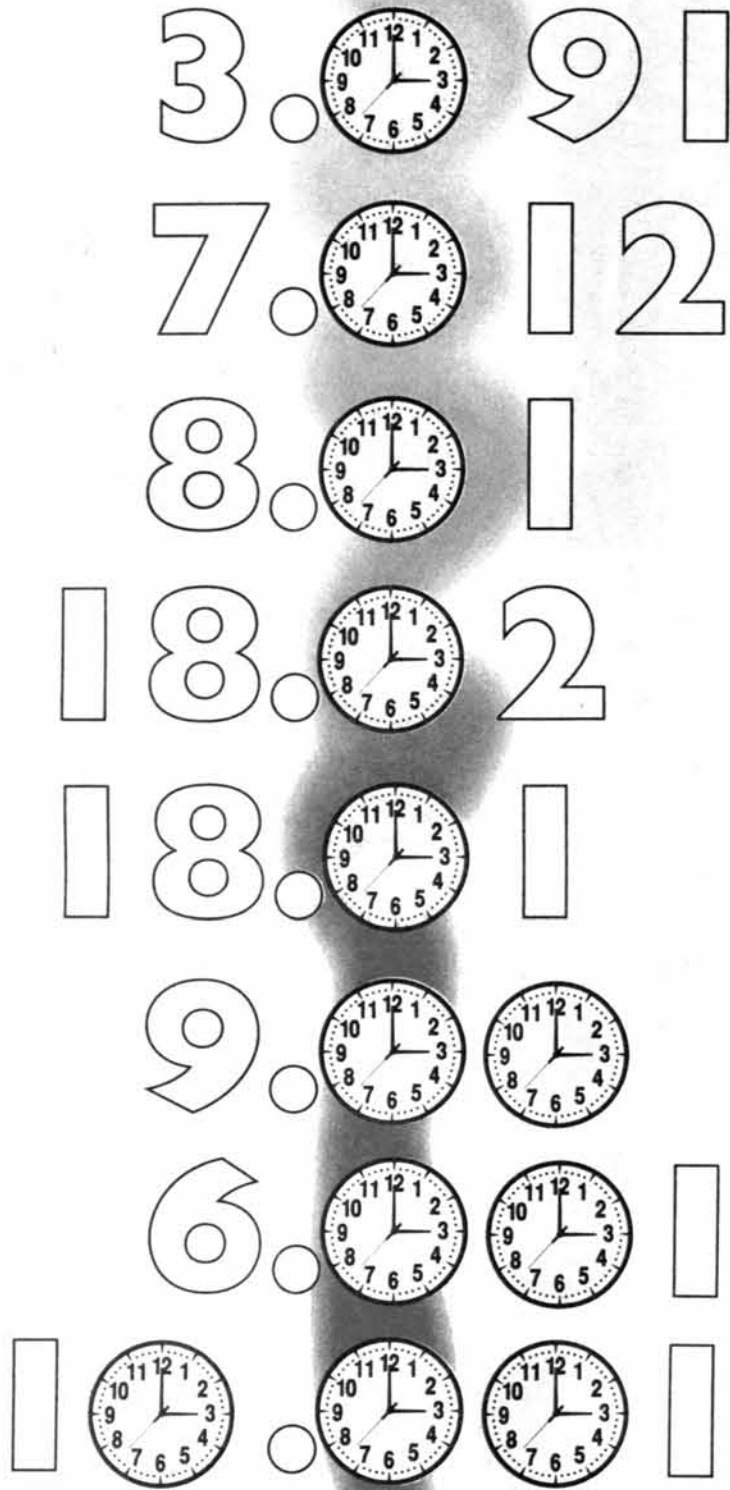
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