

INDRANATH NEOGY—THE TECH

Burton-Conner House holds its annual "Eternal Barbecue" yesterday. The barbecue actually lasted from noon to 8 p.m. yesterday.

Dormitory Lottery Starts Successfully

System on Athena is Stable This Year

By Brett Altschul
STAFF REPORTER

The housing lottery began on Athena yesterday at 4 p.m. without any of the glitches that accompanied it last year.

Freshmen and transfer students who intend to live in dormitories should enter the lottery by 3 p.m. today. The lottery can be activated from an Athena account by typing "add forms; froshpref &".

The program allows students to enter roommate groups of up to four people, said Andy Oakland, the programmer for Information Systems who wrote the lottery program. Ideally, all members of a roommate group should be present when one of them runs the program, he said.

There are a total of 15 choices in the lottery: 10 dormitories, Chocolate City, and four language houses. However, two choices are single-sex. McCormick Hall is all-female, Chocolate City is all-male.

Phillip M. Bernard, staff associate in the Office of Residence and Campus Activities, said that this year the lottery organizers hoped to get even better results than last year, when almost all students got their fifth choice of dormitory or higher.

The results of the lottery will be available on Wednesday, starting sometime between 3 and 5 p.m., Oakland said.

"Students can view the results by

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R/O Stress Takes Its Toll On Everyone

By Erik S. Balsley

As most freshmen have discovered, rush is a hectic few days filled with events sponsored by living groups. For the upperclassmen running those events, rush is an entirely different experience, although every bit as hectic.

Rush for upperclassmen — who not only have to get to know members of the incoming freshman class but also make sure that their events run smoothly — can make rush an intense and stressful period for some upperclassmen.

The "stress is at a similar level to when you are actually going through" rush, Kevin Amonlirdviman '97 from Phi Delta Theta.

"When you're going through rush, you're thinking about where you're going to live and what you're going to be doing with your four years at MIT," Amonlirdviman said.

"On the other side of [rush] you're just thinking about where

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Dorm Rush Affected by CPs, Confusion

By Kai-yuh Hsiao
STAFF REPORTER

With problems ranging from the rain to *The Daily Confusion* to miscommunication with Campus Police, dormitory rush has progressed this weekend with mixed luck.

Lack of communication with the CPs caused serious problems at East Campus and Senior House over the

weekend.

Because Senior House has been under construction all summer, CPs and night watchmen have been careful to keep trespassers off the premises during construction.

But for rush, Senior House residents were granted the right to hold events on at the dormitory and to hang the dormitory's "Sport Death" banner on the side of the house, this

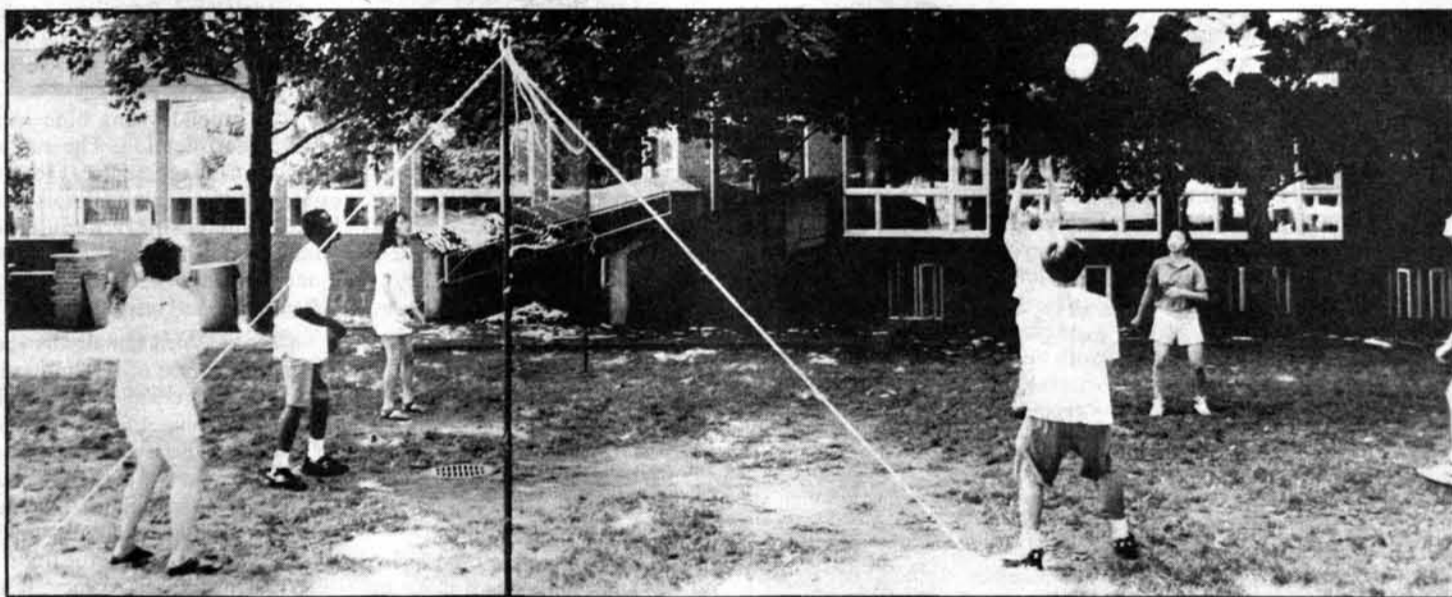
approval "wasn't communicated to the CPs," said Christopher H. Barron '97, president of the Dormitory Council and Senior House. "So they kicked us out. In general, it was an inconvenience."

The Sport Death banner was taken down twice during the confusion, to be put up again by Senior House rush workers. "The CPs aren't communicating with each

other or something. They aren't in touch with what's going on with rush at all," said Megan E. Cooney '99, Senior House rush chair.

Senior House is also encountering problems making freshmen aware of what life at their dorm is really like. "Freshmen look at the house because it's so pretty and

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Next House residents play volleyball with freshmen yesterday afternoon. Next House also hosted a chocolate party and a barbecue later in the day.

Black-Clad Jacks Lead Orange Tours, Share Lore

By Dan McGuire
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

We sneaked carefully onto the roof of the east parallel of East Campus. "Freshman?" asked a gruff voice. "Sophomore," I answered.

Reporter's Notebook

A large crowd was already gathering. I followed obediently.

Small groups of black-clad veterans sat along the edges of the building, talking softly among themselves.

"Hello, my name is Jack Florey," said a figure, clambering on top of the roof entrance. "We're going to take you on a trip to Baker House."

"We're going to take a rather circuitous route, and we may find ourselves, say, on the Pyramids, or on the Little Dome, or in a steam tunnel," he said.

Jack then went on to explain steam tunnel safety procedures (hold your hand above your

head so you don't burn your forehead), and introduced his co-workers, who were, curiously enough, all named Jack Florey.

We were divided up into groups, each supervised by a head Jack. The head Jack was ably assisted by herder Jacks and tail Jacks, making a group of about 10 people who knew what they were doing leading 30 clueless freshman around the bowels of the Institute.

Our first scenic tour was to the top of the pyramids, the pyramidal roofs that cap the river

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WORLD & NATION

Israeli President to Meet With Yasser Arafat

LOS ANGELES TIMES

JERUSALEM

In an apparent attempt to goad Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu '76 into meeting with Yasser Arafat, President Ezer Weizman announced Sunday that he will soon hold a summit of his own with the Palestinian leader.

The outspoken Weizman said his decision came partly in response to an urgent appeal from Arafat, a letter in which the president of the Palestinian Authority outlined his "troubles and problems" and asked Weizman for help in restarting stalled peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

Netanyahu has refused to meet with Arafat since his May 29 election. Substantive negotiations between the two sides also have been at a standstill since the election, and Arafat has warned, in increasingly urgent tones, that the peace process must progress soon or die.

Although Israel Radio reported Sunday that Netanyahu will also meet with Arafat in the coming weeks, the Israeli prime minister said again that he has no plans for such a meeting.

No date has been set for the talks between Arafat and Weizman, but the Israeli president said they will take place at his private home in the northern town of Caesarea, not his official residence in politically sensitive Jerusalem. Israel Radio reported that the meeting will be held within two weeks.

R.E.M. Inks Estimated \$80 Million Deal with Warner Records

LOS ANGELES TIMES

ANAHEIM, CALIF.

R.E.M., the hottest free agent in the music business, signed a five-album contract Saturday with Warner Bros. Records worth an estimated \$80 million — the largest recording contract ever awarded, sources said.

The Grammy-winning band's deal surpassed the \$70 million mark achieved seven months ago by pop diva Janet Jackson as well as other mega-deals by such superstars as Michael Jackson and Madonna, whose six-album pacts included film and joint venture record label components.

The signing was announced unexpectedly at the Anaheim Convention Center Saturday, where Warner Music executives were gathered for their annual strategy summit. Delighted at the news, thousands of employees leaped to their feet and broke into a standing ovation.

"This is a watershed moment for Warner Bros. Records — an incredible new beginning for the company," said Steven Baker, president of the Burbank-based label. "R.E.M. embodies everything important about the culture of this company. They are a tremendously hard-working, successful band with integrity and vision. I can't describe how proud we are that R.E.M. is allowing Warner to continue our association with them."

Clinton Begins Whistle-Stop Trip To Democratic Convention

THE WASHINGTON POST

ASHLAND, KY.

President Clinton started his four-day chug to Chicago Sunday, hopping aboard a customized train and railing against Republicans with the sharpest and most unabashedly partisan rhetoric he's uttered in this election season.

The small, industrial cities Clinton visited Sunday afternoon on the "21st Century Express" are filled with old-time Democrats, and Clinton obliged the large and cheering throngs who turned out with rousing sermons. A president who the past two years often has distanced himself from lawmakers in his own party and played down partisan labels began what is effectively the start of his fall campaign with a blistering attack on congressional Republicans.

"They were wrong; we were right," Clinton said, his voice rising to a shout, as he referred to GOP opposition to the Family and Medical Leave Act passed early in his administration.

Referring to the budget standoff with Republicans that led to two federal government shutdowns over last fall and winter, Clinton belted: "We said 'Have at it. We don't stand for blackmail. We stand up from all'"

WEATHER

Squeeze Play!

By Marek Zebrowski

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Between the cold front slowly approaching from the northwest and an area of unsettled weather over the mid-Atlantic states organizing itself into a weak low and closing in from the south, the next few days will, unfortunately, pale in comparison with Sunday's sunny standards. Clouds will be on the increase throughout Monday; moisture will creep in by early Tuesday and will be slow to move out of the region. Some improvement later in the week will be brief, as there is a good chance of showers and thunderstorms moving in just before the weekend.

Alas, there goes the summer of 1996!

Monday: Partly sunny with clouds increasing throughout the day. Slight chance of isolated showers developing late, especially to our north and west. High 84°F (29°C) with some sea breezes likely on the north shore.

Monday night: Becoming mostly cloudy, with a chance of showers. Low 66°F (19°C).

Tuesday: Thickening overcast, winds turning onshore. Showers and scattered thunderstorms likely. Cooler highs near 74°F (24°C).

State Department Official Resigns Amid Allegations

By Walter Pincus

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Richard M. Moose resigned as undersecretary of state for management to head a study at the Council on Foreign Relations on the impact of declining U.S. government foreign policy spending, the State Department announced.

State Department officials said Sunday that Moose decided to step down after acknowledging a consensual relationship with a member of his immediate staff.

His decision came after the State Department inspector general began an investigation into allegations contained in an anonymous letter that Moose had increased his routine overseas travel accompanied by a woman on his immediate staff with whom he was alleged to be having an affair.

The department officials said Sunday that Moose's decision to resign was his own.

The department's fifth-ranking official, Moose was in charge of all budgetary, administrative and personnel matters at the State Department.

Moose has told friends, according to one source, that he was confident the inquiry by the inspector general would clear him of any wrongdoing or misuse of travel funds but that he decided to resign because in the current pre-election atmosphere it was his only hope to hold down the scope and length of any investigation.

The author of the anonymous letter to the inspector general wrote that Moose "should resign," saying

the situation facing the department was "at best embarrassing and at worst politically explosive."

As the person most responsible for implementing budget cuts made by Congress in State Department activities over the past few years, Moose had recently become the target of much internal criticism. Earlier this year, for example, there were leaks to reporters from inside the department that Moose flew back to the United States first class from Paris after a meeting with U.S. ambassadors to European countries to tell them they had to cut staffs by 25 percent. It turned out that Moose had an economy class ticket on Trans World Airlines that was upgraded to first class for free by the carrier.

Moose declined Sunday to comment on the reasons for his resignation, the announcement of which was posted by the State Department late Friday. He said that "my travel was neither excessive nor improper." Department officials said it is not unusual for secretaries and undersecretaries to travel with members of their immediate staff.

Moose said he was scheduled to start work on the council study right after Labor Day.

In his letter of resignation to Secretary of State Warren Christopher Friday, Moose, who began as a foreign service officer in 1956, said the department "has been an important part of my life for the last forty years.... I shall always be grateful for the privilege to have served President Clinton and you during this period."

State Department deputy

spokesman Glyn Davies said Sunday that the department regretted his leaving but that Moose "chose to leave government service for personal and professional reasons." Davies said he would not discuss any other aspects of the resignation, "including a possible ongoing investigation" by the State Department.

In accepting "with regret" Moose's resignation, Christopher praised his three years of service. Referring to Moose's new system for allocating overseas costs among U.S. agencies operating abroad, Christopher said, "The management initiatives launched under your leadership will benefit the department for many years to come."

Patrick Kennedy, assistant secretary for administration, will serve as acting undersecretary for management in Moose's place, the department said.

Moose, who is married and a native of Little Rock, Ark., was a foreign service officer who in the 1960s and 1970s worked on the National Security Council staff under presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard M. Nixon. After two years on the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, chaired then by the late senator J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., Moose in 1977 was named assistant secretary of State for African affairs in the administration of President Jimmy Carter. He returned to the State Department in 1993 after working first as a managing director of Shearson Lehman and later senior vice president of American Express Co.

Dole Pledges to Use Military To Stop Illegal Drug Flow

By Edward Walsh

THE WASHINGTON POST

PALOS PARK, ILL.

Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole tried to crash the Democrats' party in nearby Chicago Sunday with a tough rebuke of President Clinton's drug policies and a promise to use U.S. military forces to halt the flow of illegal drugs into the country.

Dole chose a GOP picnic in this suburb southwest of Chicago, where the Democratic National Convention begins Monday, to deliver his most extensive statement to date on drugs and to accuse Clinton of adopting a policy of "surrender" in a battle against "the moral equivalent of terrorism."

"This president has been known not for his eloquence but for his silence" on the drug issue, Dole told a modest but enthusiastic crowd here on a sunny, pleasant late summer day. "This administration has replaced the message of 'just say no' with the message of 'just say nothing.'"

Clinton spokesman Joe Lockhart responded saying Dole had voted to take money from Clinton's preventive "Safe and Drug-Free Schools" program and had voted against the 1994 crime bill, which included stiffer penalties for playground drug dealers. "Bob Dole attempted to dismantle initiatives that would help young people at risk of falling prey to drug use and crime," Lockhart said in a statement. "When it comes to taking action against drug use, Bob Dole comes up empty."

The tough, anti-drug campaign theme, building on the release of a

report last week that showed a sharp increase in drug use among young people since Clinton took office, was aimed at worried suburban parents, a crucial swing bloc in the November election. The suburbs around Chicago, critical to GOP chances of carrying Illinois, have grown increasingly Republican, although Clinton appears to have made inroads with his message about individual responsibility.

Dole provided few details about his proposed use of the military in drug interdiction efforts. He promised, within 45 days of taking office, to devise a plan "to use our military power — particularly our technological capabilities — to fight the war on drugs"; to enlist intelligence agencies, including the Central Intelligence Agency, in the anti-drug effort; and to develop a contingency plan for the use of military units to stop the movement of drugs across the U.S. border with Mexico.

The former Senate majority leader said he respected the country's traditional reluctance to involve the military in domestic concerns. But asserting that "our drug problem is more than a domestic security matter" and that "the threat comes from abroad," he said, "No prevention program, no treatment effort, can work effectively if we continue to allow the supply of cheap, illegal drugs to continue to reach our streets and to reach our children."

For the Dole campaign, the decision to spotlight the drug issue on the outskirts of Chicago, where a four-day celebration of the Clinton

presidency is about to begin, came after what appeared to be several days of indecision over whether even to try to blunt the Democrats' convention message. Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar (R) said state party officials did not learn until Friday that Dole would stop here on his way to Portland, Ore., and later this week to Santa Barbara, Calif., for a brief vacation.

Dole made only one joking reference to the Democratic convention. "I hear there's a party happening somewhere in the area," he said. But he clearly had decided, at least for one day this week, not to cede the territory or the message to Clinton and his thousands of Democratic supporters who have flocked to Chicago. The subtext of the Dole message Sunday, which is likely to be repeated as the campaign heats up, was that Clinton had failed in the exercise of "presidential leadership."

Indirectly accusing the president of responsibility for the rise in drug use among young people, Dole said, "The terrible truth is this new drug epidemic never had to happen. The lives lost need not have been lost." After a decline in drug use during Republican administrations, he said, "the Clinton administration surrendered, they raised the white flag in the war on drugs."

"And unlike this president," Dole added, "I will not be afraid to use the power of persuasion to talk about right and wrong. It is wrong for America to abandon its young people to the ravages of drugs. It's wrong, it's wrong, it's wrong, and everybody knows it."

'96 Convention May Be Last Aired Live by Major Networks

By Howard Kurtz
THE WASHINGTON POST

The Democratic National Convention that opens Monday in Chicago may well make history as the last to be covered live by the major networks.

After openly chafing at the carefully choreographed nature of the Republicans' San Diego convention, senior network executives are bracing for a similar approach from the Democrats. They say the party, in renominating an incumbent president and vice president, is likely to produce even less news than the GOP, whose television ratings sunk to an all-time low.

"The challenge is to keep people from being bored blind," said Dan Rather, the CBS anchor. "No anchorperson or network can stop the tide of convention coverage; the audience isn't there. My concern is this may be the last time the con-

ventions get anywhere near this kind of prime-time air time."

Jeff Gralnick, ABC's vice president for news, said the conventions must be cut from four days to two if parties hope to attract network coverage. "When you cut through it all, that's all you've got," Gralnick said. "There's no need for this kind of air time or financial and reporting effort."

"There's no real need for someone sitting at home to have to turn on the convention because they know what the convention is going to accomplish. Those of us who cover politics really get off on this basic political story, but mass America does not."

The Republicans scripted every moment in an effort to maximize their allotted hour each night on ABC, CBS and NBC, and the Democrats seem likely to follow suit.

"The Democrats say quite frankly they've learned a lot from the Republicans," said Tom Hannon, CNN's political director. "They're going through some pretty elaborate staging to bring President Clinton into the hall."

Some network officials say the Democrats, to enhance Clinton's reelection prospects, will probably be as successful as the GOP in using television to project a moderate image.

"You can make a case that what the networks did was run up a white one, which is to say surrender," Rather said. "We ran most of the important things the Republicans wanted run, and without a lot of background or analysis." Rather said the Chicago convention is likely to be "worse," adding: "Both Democrats and Republicans are pressuring us to carry all of their stuff."

Bosnia's Muslim Political Officials Accused of Campaign Intimidation

By John Pomfret
THE WASHINGTON POST

MAGLAI, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Muslim political activists, police and security officers working for President Alija Izetbegovic's party have launched an intimidation campaign against other Muslim politicians who reject the party's stridently nationalistic and Islamic message, Western officials say.

The campaign ranges from death threats to sudden dismissals, from beatings to lobbing hand grenades onto porches. Examples of intimidation have been reported all over Muslim-controlled Bosnia as the country moves closer to national elections, scheduled for Sept. 14.

Officers from Izetbegovic's security organization, the Agency for Information and Documentation, along with dozens of police officers

and officials from state-run companies, have been implicated in the campaign.

Izetbegovic also has enlisted the support of the mostly Muslim Bosnian army for his campaign. In a violation of Bosnian law and Izetbegovic's repeated assurances to U.S. officials, three serving Bosnian generals are running for office on Izetbegovic's Party of Democratic Action ticket as a way to pad it with popular personalities from the war.

"I am just an accidental general," explained one of the officers, Sakib Mahmuljin, a high-ranking member of the party and a candidate in the central Bosnian city of Zenica. "It is simply my duty to run."

The campaign mirrors the intimidation of candidates running in Croat- and Serb-held territory in Bosnia who oppose the ultranation-

alism advocated by their Croat and Serb leaders. However, the Muslim drive is unusual in that it belies Izetbegovic's stated position of tolerance for opposition political parties and support for Western-style democracy.

The sum of the intimidation, which also includes beatings and other attacks in Serb- and Croat-held territory, has led many Western officials to conclude that Bosnia's elections will be far from the "free and fair" vote envisaged in the Dayton peace agreement.

Many of these officials have said off the record that the elections should be postponed. They add, though, that the Clinton administration wants the elections to go ahead because of concerns that a delayed vote could hurt Clinton's own reelection campaign.

Exiled Iranian Leader Says Tehran Ordered Slaying of Opponents

THE WASHINGTON POST

BERLIN

For the past three years, a Berlin court has been trying five Middle Easterners for the gangland-style slayings of opponents of Iran's fundamentalist regime in a restaurant here.

The slow-motion trial drew little attention until this spring, when prosecutors named a senior Iranian official as a suspect in connection with the murders.

Now the trial has hit a political minefield with charges that Tehran's two most senior leaders ordered the killings.

Former Iranian President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr, who has lived in exile in Paris since 1981, testified Friday that Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and spiritual leader Ali Khamenei personally ordered the killing of Kurdish leader Sadiq Sharafkindi and three colleagues.

A government spokesman in Bonn said officials would study his allegations closely. The allegations have focused renewed attention on Germany's contentious policy of maintaining a "critical dialogue" with Tehran's Islamic rulers, whom Washington wants ostracized because of their alleged responsibility for acts of terrorism worldwide.

With sharpshooters and armed police wearing bulletproof vests patrolling the barricaded street outside, Bani-Sadr cited well-placed informants inside the Tehran power structure in accusing Khamenei of ordering the murders and Rafsanjani of approving the decision.

Netscape to Start Firm to Link Consumer Devices and Internet

THE WASHINGTON POST

Netscape Communications Corp., which makes the leading software for viewing the Internet, plans to announce Monday that it is forming an independent software company that will weave that technology into a range of consumer devices, including telephones, televisions and game machines.

The new company, Navio Communications Inc., will be based in Sunnyvale, Calif., and headed by Wei Yen, formerly senior vice president of products and technologies at Silicon Graphics Inc. James Clark, Netscape's chairman, will also serve as Navio's chairman.

"It is very clear that the concept of the Internet extends well beyond the personal computer," said Tim Bajarin, president of Creative Strategies Consulting in San Jose. With its new division, Netscape, of Mountain View, Calif., is staking its claim in what could be a huge market for digital devices that tap into information available via the Internet.

Unlike personal computers, when consumer electronics devices connect to the Internet they might use only some portion of the information available via electronic networks.

For instance, devices could be tailored to display information only on a precise subject — say, a pager-like device that only carries current movie listings. Others might have a narrow set of tasks such as sending both paging messages and electronic mail, or letting consumers play electronic games with others on the network. Such devices would likely have display screens, though some might be very small.

Welcome new students!

Information booth

Aug. 27 - 29, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Aug. 30, 10 a.m. - noon.

Pick up information about housing, MIT offices, and more! Tickets to GSC events sold here.

Orientation picnic

Aug. 29, noon - 2 p.m.

Meet students from other departments, eat good food, and listen to President Vest, Dean Litster, and others!

GSC Open House

Aug. 29, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Come see our newly-renovated office and become a part of the oldest* student government on campus.

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Night on the Town

Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 7, 9 p.m.

Explore Boston's night life!

Seminars

Sept. 3, 3 p.m. "Student Health"

Sept. 3, 4 p.m. "Urban Safety Tips/Dealing with Harassment,"

Sept. 3, 6 p.m. "GL 001 Introduction to Grad Life"

Sept. 12, 7 p.m. "Can We Talk"

Keep in Touch

Stay informed about GSC events! Add yourself to our mailing list by sending e-mail to gsc-request@mit. Questions? Ideas? Write to gsc-admin@mit or call x3-2195.

Orientation schedule Aug. 26 - Sept. 15

MONDAY, AUGUST 26		
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Int'l Student Coffee Hour/Int'l Clubs	Bush Room, 10-105
8:00 p.m. -	Pub Night hosted by European Club	Steps of Walker Memorial
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27		
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	English Evaluation Test	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
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Int'l Student Coffee Hour/Campus Police	Bush Room, 10-105
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Activities Midway	Johnson Center
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28		
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	ID Photos	Lobby 13
9:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Int'l Student Open House	Bush Room, 10-105
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
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	MIT Information Fair	Lobby 13
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Athletic Midway	Johnson Athletic Center
7:30 p.m. -	Faculty Panel/Int'l Student Office	Bush Room, 10-105
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29		
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	ID Photos	Lobby 13
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Information Booth	Lobby 10
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Picnic	Killian Court
2:00 p.m. -	(Most Departmental Orientations)	See Department
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	GSC Open House	50-222
7:30 p.m. -	Night on the Town	50-222
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30		
10:00 a.m. - Noon	Information Booth	Lobby 10
12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Beverages at the Muddy Charles Pub	50-120
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	*Trolley Tour around Boston	77 Mass Ave
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Int'l Student Welcome Party	Bush Room 10-105
SATURDAY, AUGUST 31		
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	*Hiking Trip	Ashdown House
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1		
7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	*Boston Harbor Cruise	Long Wharf, Boston
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2		
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	*Charles River Cruise	Map at Info Booth
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 — REGISTRATION DAY		
3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Student Health	6-120
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Urban Safety Tips/Dealing with Harassment	6-120
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	GL 001 "Introduction to Grad Life"	6-120
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6		
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Beverages at the Thirsty Ear Pub	Ashdown, Thirsty Ear
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7		
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	TA Workshop	E51-Wong Auditorium
9:00 p.m. -	Night on the Town	50-222
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12		
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Reception for Women Graduate Students	Bush Room, 10-105
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Can We Talk?	West Lounge, W20-201
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13		
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Reception for Graduate Students of Color	Ashdown, Hulsizer Room
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15		
1:00 p.m. -	*Boston Red Sox vs. Chicago White Sox	Fenway Park, Boston

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Institutional Wisdom Watch

by *The Tech* editorial board



Russell Light and Doug Wyatt: How many MIT students does it take to uncover bad student activity accounts?



Ellie Crawford: Hmm... what happened to the arrow? We could have sworn there were at least 140,000 of them lying around some place.



TCA: Nice looking Freshman Picture Book. Outdated HowtoGAMIT could use some repair, though.



Chuck Vest: The nice thing about getting the same person to give the welcome every year is you always get the same speech.



Tech Trek: Nice try, but a treasure hunt is no means to help frosh find their way.



The Coop: Shiny new Coop; glad to see our membership dollars are well spent. Now, where's that rebate?



Senior House: Congrats on a timely opening. The building was gutted, but will the community survive?



Thursday Night Dinners: First-day dining pick up moved indoors. Useless reshuffling results in surprisingly few casualties.

Pride's Remarks Exhibit IFC Ingenuity

Column by Anders Hove
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Yesterday's column by A. Arif Husain '97 ["Sig Ep Ad Should Make Frosh Wary," August 24] got it all wrong on Interfraternity Council President Jason D. Pride '97. In his column, Husain argues that Pride's attempt at blaming *The Tech* for publishing a Sigma Phi Epsilon advertisement lacked originality. Indeed, Husain went so far as to state that Pride could have done better by blaming the incident on his dog.

The fact is that Husain entirely failed to perceive the true originality of Pride's public remarks at the time. In the past, the IFC has tried to enforce its own rush rules. At times, they have called upon the help of the administration to enforce these rules. Never before, however, has an IFC president stated that he wishes to give responsibility for enforcing IFC rush rules to a random student organization. Furthermore, I never thought I would see the day when an IFC president would demand that *The Tech* (of all such organizations) ought to be responsible for implementing the IFC rush rules.

Now let's keep this issue straight: I'm honored that Pride thinks *The Tech* more qualified to administer the IFC's rush rules than the IFC itself. Indeed, I'm sure many of my colleagues are flattered that Pride has expressed the wish that *The Tech* would enforce the IFC rush rules on Pride's own fraternity, Sig Ep.

I haven't discussed the issue with *The*

Tech's managing board, but I am afraid that if the issue is brought up at next month's meeting, we will probably have to decline Pride's offer.

I believe that *The Tech* should not be given authority over applying and administering the IFC rush rules for a number of reasons. First, we are simply not competent to administer the rules. We run a newspaper, not a policy-making body. Second, our status as a newspaper makes it morally and ethically difficult to censor any material which is offered for publication. Because *Tech* enforcement of IFC rush rules would imply censoring certain materials (such as the Sig Ep ad), I don't think we could agree to such a bargain.

Third, because *The Tech* currently pays absolutely no attention to the political content of its advertising, the screening and censoring of such materials would impose a staff burden on our volunteer membership. Because *The Tech* does not suffer for lack of money, it is difficult to see what incentive the IFC could offer for assigning additional staff to enforcing IFC rush rules.

Fourth, while Pride wishes *The Tech* to

undertake the enforcement of advertising rules on his organization's behalf, he would not be willing to cede the necessary judicial authorities that go hand-in-hand with executive authority. For instance, *The Tech* would not be able to administer fines to offending living

Never before has an IFC president stated that he wishes to give responsibility for enforcing IFC rush rules to a random student organization.

groups. Furthermore, since the IFC would retain judicial authority, *The Tech* would be liable for fines or other punishments if it acted improperly in executing the IFC rules. Even now the IFC may still find that the Sig Ep ad was not in violation of any rules; if we had censored it, we would be

responsible for the error. That is a responsibility no sensible organization would accept.

The final reason I would oppose letting *The Tech* administer the IFC's rush rules involves the extreme respect I have for the IFC. I believe that the IFC should be a strong organization, able to stand up for itself and for its internal rules. Were the IFC to permit *The Tech* to censor fraternity ads in the name of the IFC rush rules, that would amount to an extreme cession of power by the IFC. I believe the IFC should have the power to enforce its own rules on its own members. It should not cede that power to others, ever.

The implicit admission by Pride that he himself lacks the power to enforce his own rush rules on his own fraternity is a sad statement about the current state of the IFC. If the IFC wants to be strong, it should either stop whining and enforce its rules on its members, or it should scrap the rules and go back to something the IFC can enforce. The IFC won't get anywhere by relying on others.

SWELLY

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ERRATUM

A caption for a picture in yesterday's issue of the lights in the Green Building that spelled 'EC' mistakenly said that hackers activated the lights. In fact, East Campus rush workers obtained permission to keep the lights on from people in the Green Building.

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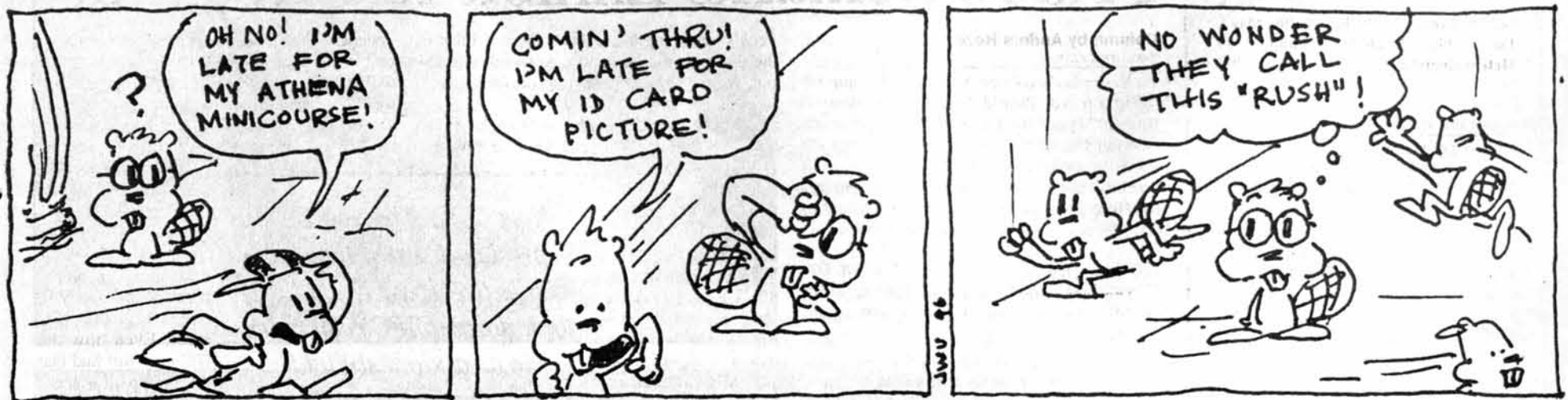
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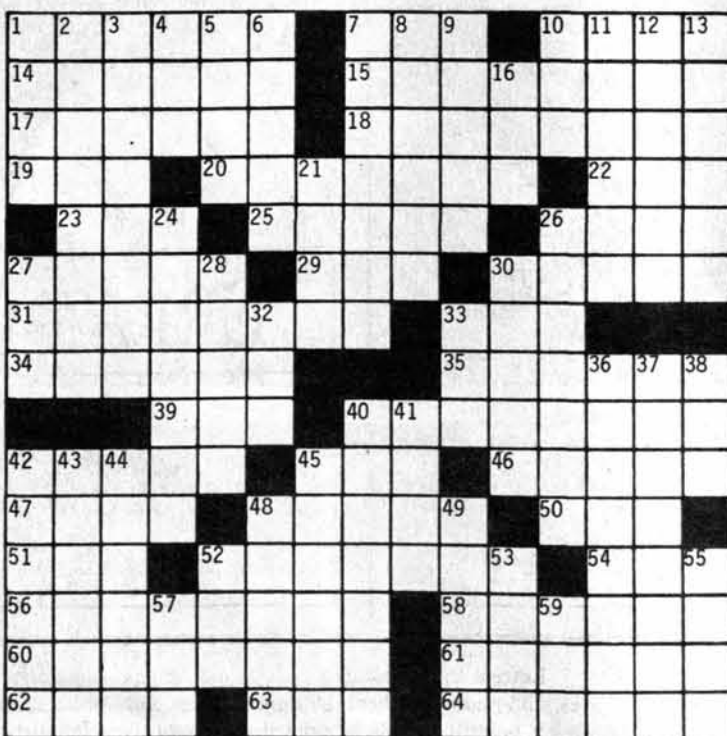


Dammed for Life

by Jessica Wu



collegiate crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Depart secretly or suddenly
- 7 Orchestra section (abbr.)
- 10 Like some jobs
- 14 Not righteous
- 15 South African capital
- 17 Light, ringing sound
- 18 Dweller
- 19 Breakfast item
- 20 Is mournful
- 22 Firearm
- 23 — cent
- 25 Tailless amphibians
- 26 Food fish
- 27 More despicable
- 29 Newspaper items
- 30 Mistake
- 31 Allures
- 33 Swindle
- 34 Spanish explorer
- 35 Language of the Koran
- 39 Tennis need
- 40 Think
- 42 Common ailments
- 45 Like some checks
- 46 Actor MacDonald

- 47 Topic
- 48 Of the Franks
- 50 Title for Olivier
- 51 Trigonometry abbreviation
- 52 Failed to include
- 54 Children's game
- 56 Combine
- 58 Word in two state names
- 60 Makes joyful
- 61 Made uniform
- 62 Cosmetician — Coty
- 63 Suffix for Siam
- 64 Marries again
- 16 " — the season..."
- 21 Castle defense
- 24 "Daniel —" (Eliot novel)
- 26 Musical works
- 28 Appraises
- 30 — acid
- 32 Small bed
- 33 Ill-bred person
- 36 Between tenor and bass
- 37 Repeated
- 38 Ballplayer Ron —
- 40 Word in Bogart film title
- 41 Do newspaper work
- 42 Furniture wheel
- 43 East coast ballplayer

DOWN

- 1 Coin part
- 2 Leave the land
- 3 Fills to excess
- 4 Bulky boat
- 5 Shopping place
- 6 Fold in cloth
- 7 Ranches
- 8 Styles
- 9 Takes ten
- 10 Turf
- 11 Mt. Hood's state
- 12 Ending
- 13 Torn piece
- 44 Of a Christian season
- 45 Pool table materials
- 48 Hit hard
- 49 Yields
- 52 Ending for "pay"
- 53 Jazz pianist Brubeck
- 55 "My gosh!"
- 57 Street, for short
- 59 — Gardens, in England

THE ARTS

Brando fails as godfather of Dr. Moreau's Island

THE ISLAND OF DR. MOREAU

Directed by John Frankenheimer.
Starring Marlon Brando, Val Kilmer,
and David Thewlis.
Sony Copley Place.

By Kerem Limon

From director John Frankenheimer, who brought us *Birdman of Alcatraz* and the political thriller *The Manchurian Candidate*, comes the second film version of the H.G. Wells' classic *The Island of Dr. Moreau*.

David Thewlis stars as Edward Douglas, a United Nations appointee on a mission to resolve a conflict in the South Pacific, but whose plane crash leaves him stranded on a lifeboat in the middle of the ocean. He is rescued by Montgomery (Val Kilmer), the assistant to Dr. Moreau (Marlon Brando), a Nobel laureate geneticist excommunicated for his progressive approach to genetic experimentation on humans and animals.

Montgomery takes Douglas to the small island Moreau has retreated to in order to continue his experiments on gene splicing to create the "ultimate human," one that has overcome his predatory instincts and will not kill another animal. Douglas, terrified by the semi-human, semi-animal creatures that are the by-products of Moreau's experiments, seeks a way out. Crisis strikes as the creatures on the island rebel against Moreau after a blatant violation of the "no killing" law by one of the more or less successful creations of Moreau. Among all the carnage, Douglas is left in fear and all helplessness, trying his best to survive.

Set in the year 2010, the film incorporates expected developments in biology in an attempt to give Wells' novel a more contemporary flair. While director John Frankenheimer stresses his intention to make a critical movie about humanity and divinity, he falls short of his goal. Wells, who originally intended his novel to be primarily an allegory of the human condition rather than a discussion of ethics in science, produced his book for a much more conservative audience in late Victorian England.

As a result, the horrors portrayed had a much more significant impact than they do in Frankenheimer's version. Today's moviegoers will be much less shocked with the not-so-graphic representation of Moreau's indulgence in the cutting edge of scientific development. Frankenheimer's reliance on special effects and makeup results in a movie driven by forced action and violence that ends up being mostly an action adventure and only marginally a philosophical movie.

The characters are weak and not one of them stands out. Brando as Moreau — just as incomprehensible as Brando in *The Godfather* — doesn't contribute much to the movie, except filling in the role of the old and weary scientist, both in appearance and size. Indeed, he appears less of an evil than one would imagine Moreau to be and doesn't give the impression that he cares about his work or that he is excited about his experiments. Brando as Moreau, a prophet-like figure in the eyes of his creations, which he calls "his children," is nothing more than another mumbling old "godfather" in a different disguise and setting, this time much less effective and visible.

Val Kilmer as Moreau's assistant Montgomery fails to deliver as well. Kilmer is not to blame, though, as the role he is given does not give much room for improvement. Montgomery, a drug-addict and adventurer with a cold sense of humor, goes completely insane after the rebellion on the island.

David Thewlis (*The Restoration*, and *Dragonheart*) is perhaps the best among the cast. Thewlis tries hard to fulfill his role but often leaves the viewer annoyed with his helplessness and self-pity in times of danger. Even though it is through Thewlis' point of view that we follow the story, his presence on the island seems to have minimal effect on what takes place. It is Thewlis' words that cause a critical turn in the climax of the story, but the occurrence is far from believable, considering the weakness of Thewlis' character. Apart from his appointment as a U.N. negotiator, he is not a convincing representative of the pacifist humanitarian type that could make the critical assertions that Thewlis does on Moreau.

Perhaps the only details that bring up the movie are the special effects, produced by a team lead by Stan Winston and whose credits include *Alien*, *Terminator*, and *Jurassic Park*. The makeup looks authentic, the beasts strikingly like animals, but recognizably human in different ways that invoke a slight sense of pity for their condition. However, the beasts lose their frightening appeal when they are made to look human. With the exception of one birth scene very early on, the creatures are far from gruesome or scary — *The Island of Dr. Moreau* is not much of a horror movie.

Marlon Brando (right) stars as Dr. Moreau and David Thewlis (below) stars as Edward Douglas in *The Island of Dr. Moreau*.

The Island of Dr. Moreau isn't worth seeing unless you are especially curious about Stan Winston's creature designs for the season or you're interested in watching Brando struggle his way through yet another unfitting role trying to enunciate his lines. The special effects are a worthwhile effort, but as Ray Bradbury says, "There is nothing left in the

sky when the fireworks are gone." The movie is a cheesy and unsuccessful screen adaptation of H.G. Wells' novel and falls short of the writer's original intent of satirizing religion as a by-product of human evolution. Its only philosophical value is the fact that it brings up (and tries to explore, at least) the issue of "gen-ethics."



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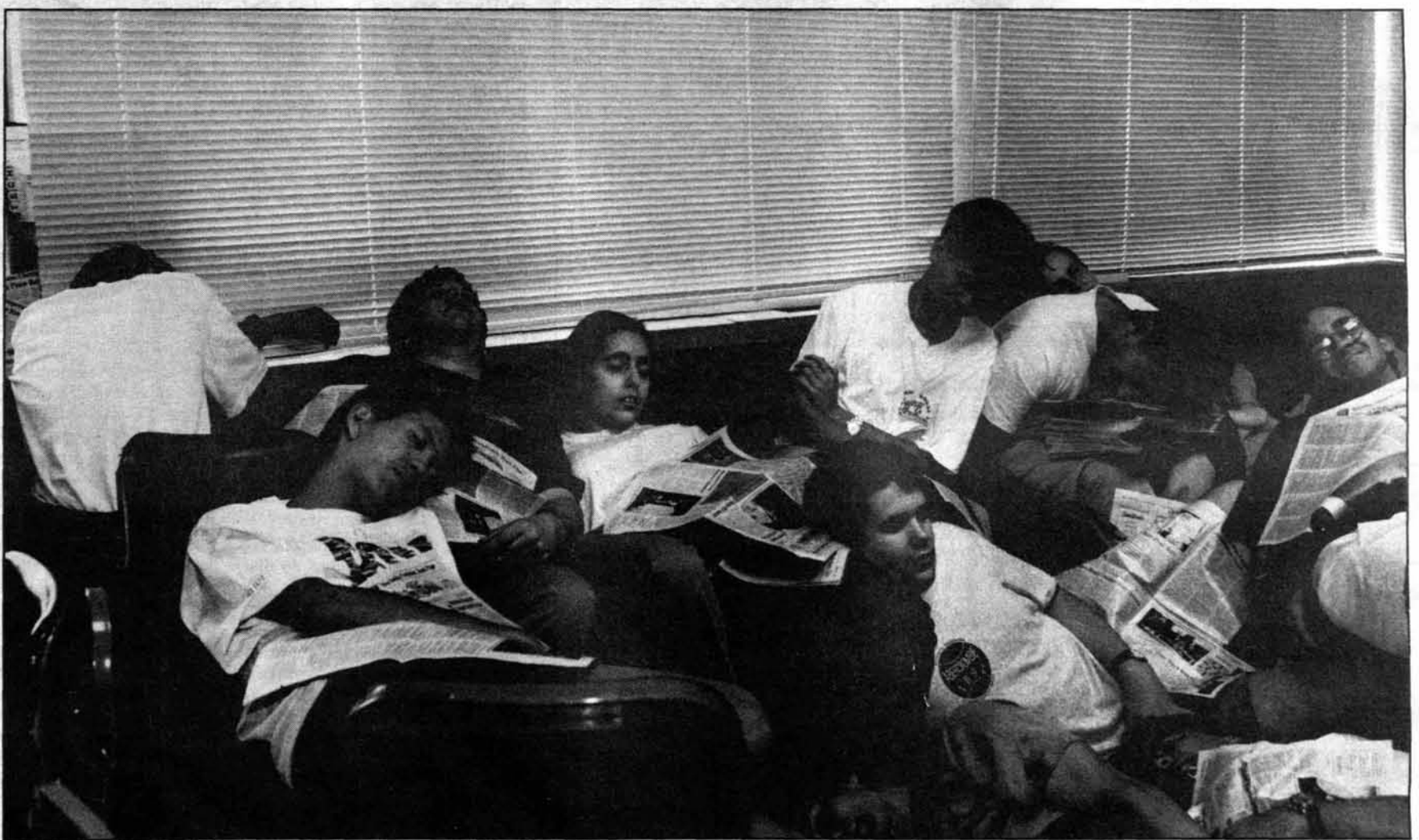
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See us at the Activities Midway this Tuesday,
or stop by the Student Center, Room 483.

Tuesday GSC Grocery Shuttle Will Resume Service

By David D. Hsu
NEWS EDITOR

Tomorrow, the Graduate Student Council Grocery Shuttle will resume its Tuesday service to the Super Star Market in Allston.

The Saturday shuttle will continue and will also go to the Allston store instead of the Star Market on Mount Auburn Street in Cambridge, the destination last semester. The destination was changed over the summer in response to rider

requests.

The Tuesday service was canceled during the summer "because [participation] had gone down to 15 riders a week," said Geoffrey J. Coram G, co-chair for GSC Housing and Community Affairs.

That level of use was not sufficient for Star Market Corporation to justify the cost of running the shuttle, Coram said.

During the school year, about 35 people per week used the Tuesday

shuttle, Coram said.

The Saturday shuttle also transported fewer people over the summer. The service accommodated about 40 students a week during the summer, down from 60 during the school year, Coram said.

The Tuesday shuttle will run every week at 8, 9, and 10 p.m., stopping at six predetermined locations around campus before heading to Allston.

Last year, the grocery shuttle

was very popular at the beginning of the school year. Some students even had to be turned away, Coram said. With the Tuesday runs, "we hope to even things out this year," he said.

"The Tuesday shuttle provided me a time to go shopping which really worked in well with my research schedule," said Stephen P. Walton G.

Shuttle future stable for this year

The grocery shuttle has undergone many changes since its debut in April 1994.

Originally the shuttle brought shoppers to a Star Market in Medford owned by Frank LaVerde, who also owns LaVerde's Market in the Student Center.

When the Medford store closed over the summer last year, Star Market agreed to continue the ser-

vice to their Cambridge store on Mount Auburn Street.

The Tuesday service was added last November in response to larger student demand.

The future of the shuttle seems more stable. The Allston store will easily stay open through the year, Coram said.

There are plans to build a new Star Market in University Park. It is still unclear whether students would be willing to walk or whether another shuttle would be needed, Coram said. However, construction has not begun so the new store is at least a year away, he said.

The shuttle will continue service during the year with a reduction during winter vacation and Independent Activities Period, Coram said.



The Graduate Student Council Grocery Shuttle will resume its Tuesday service this week.

Orange Tours Provide Unique Campus View

Orange, from Page 1

side of Buildings 1, 2, 3, and 4.

We were led through the basements of several buildings before ascending a staircase to the top floor of the building. We kept on going up, out onto the roof of the building.

Don't trip on chimneys

I stared down four stories to the garden below. Several other freshmen wandered over to the edge, stared down, and then backed off.

"Now listen up," said the head Jack for my group. "This roof has things sticking off of the top of it. Please look down to make sure you don't trip over things like these."

He pointed his flashlight down at a small tube that projected maybe three inches from the gravel roof. It was encrusted with something green.

We crept stealthily across the roof, or at least tried to, before closing in on a small, glowing, upward projection. A skylight. In the gloom beyond loomed a pyramid.

Some Jacks had thoughtfully provided a ladder for the less athletic of us to use to scramble to the top of the pyramid.

Once up there, we were rewarded with a commanding view of the Boston skyline. It was quiet while we all took in the view and estimated the distance between us and the ground below.

"There's something at MIT called Green-speak," said a Jack, breaking the silence. "It's the MIT version of Pru-speak: the times when people use the lights on the Prudential to spell out things."

"At one point, a group called the Boston Red Sox — I've been informed that they are a baseball team — was in the running for the pennant."

"The Prudential, in a fit of civic pride, changed the lights," so that they formed a gigantic number one, Jack said. "Then, as they often do, the Red Sox lost."

"MIT hackers, being concerned with preserving accuracy, turned lights on in the Green building to give a more accurate version of the team's status: number two," he said.

Entering the tomb

We took a strange route through

several buildings that I did not know existed before delving deep into the bowels of some random building. "We're in the sub-basement," one Jack explained.

We entered a cavernous cement chamber filled with ventilation equipment. "This is a tomb," explained one of the Jacks. Architects overestimated the space that they would need for machinery to provide some margin for error, she said.

As a result, there was some space available for to exploit for students so inclined. We were shown the "Tomb of the Unknown Tool," a small alcove with a working light, chair, and table, where legend has it that one student spent many long problem-set filled nights.

Hands on your head

We were then led through the sub-basement to another machine-filled room. Instead of containing ventilation systems, this room housed pounding motors and pipes. I was amazed to find that the one-foot-thick concrete slab on which I was standing was vibrating.

We were then led to another vent, and descended into a steam tunnel.

The steam tunnel struck me as very similar to a house of horrors. Both are badly lit and things can leap out and try to get you. In haunted houses, these things are generally neon green plastic monsters, but in the steam tunnels they are large pipes filled with hot steam that emerge from the gloom.

"You don't want to run into any of them," Jack said, "because people would be asking you how you got a burn mark on your forehead for the rest of the week."

We emerged into a cool garden, where the Jacks spoke to us about what we would be doing next on our detour on the way to Baker House.

There would be a trip to the top of the Little Dome over Building 7, and later more hacking stories back at the courtyard at East Campus.

But it was at this point that I decided to take my leave of the Orange Tour. I'd seen the roofs and plumbed the depths, and now I really, really needed to sleep. Content with what I'd seen, I took leave of what remained of our hardy group.

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Clearinghouse Replaced with Messaging for Dorms

By Eric Sit
STAFF REPORTER

With the elimination of the Clearinghouse computerized tracking system from dormitories this year, the process of keeping track of freshmen during Residence and Orientation Week has undergone some changes.

Dormitory workers will no longer take messages from any fraternities, sororities, or independent living groups. They will take telephone messages only from MIT administration members and for

medical emergencies.

Dormitory rush workers had complained in years past of the time-consuming process of continuously updating the Clearinghouse system. "There really wasn't much of a need for Clearinghouse," said R/O worker Malia M. Jackson '98.

Nevertheless, the demand for some type of message system for freshmen still exists. "We want freshmen to have the option to get messages. We want to keep their options open," said Dormitory Council Judicial Committee Chair

Ernest D. Aguayo '97.

With this year's new dormitory message system, FSILGs can leave a paper message or send e-mail to the R/O Center in the Student Center. Dormcon will then deliver messages to desks at dormitories, where freshmen can pick them up.

"Dormcon was pleased to work with the [Interfraternity Council] and make this agreement," Aguayo said.

"There is usually a flood of messages in the morning, but it trickles down during the day," said

Dormcon President Christopher H. Barron '97. "The messaging system works, but we have no idea how well."

It takes anywhere from five minutes to one hour for a message to get to a freshman, Jackson said.

Clearinghouse has evolved

"One thing that people forget, or just don't know, is that Clearinghouse in its current form is relatively new. The system is constantly evolving and probably will continue to evolve for as long as it

is around," said Clearinghouse administrator Jonathan Z. Litt G.

Before the first computerized Clearinghouse came into existence in the 1970s, legend has it that people manned phones in 26-100, writing the names of all the freshmen on the blackboards, Litt said.

Last spring and summer, Dormcon contacted the Office of Residence and Campus Activities and the IFC with alternative messaging plans.

"This year, we're not going to put any blame on why the solutions had to come out so late," said Barron. He cited miscommunication as the main problem.

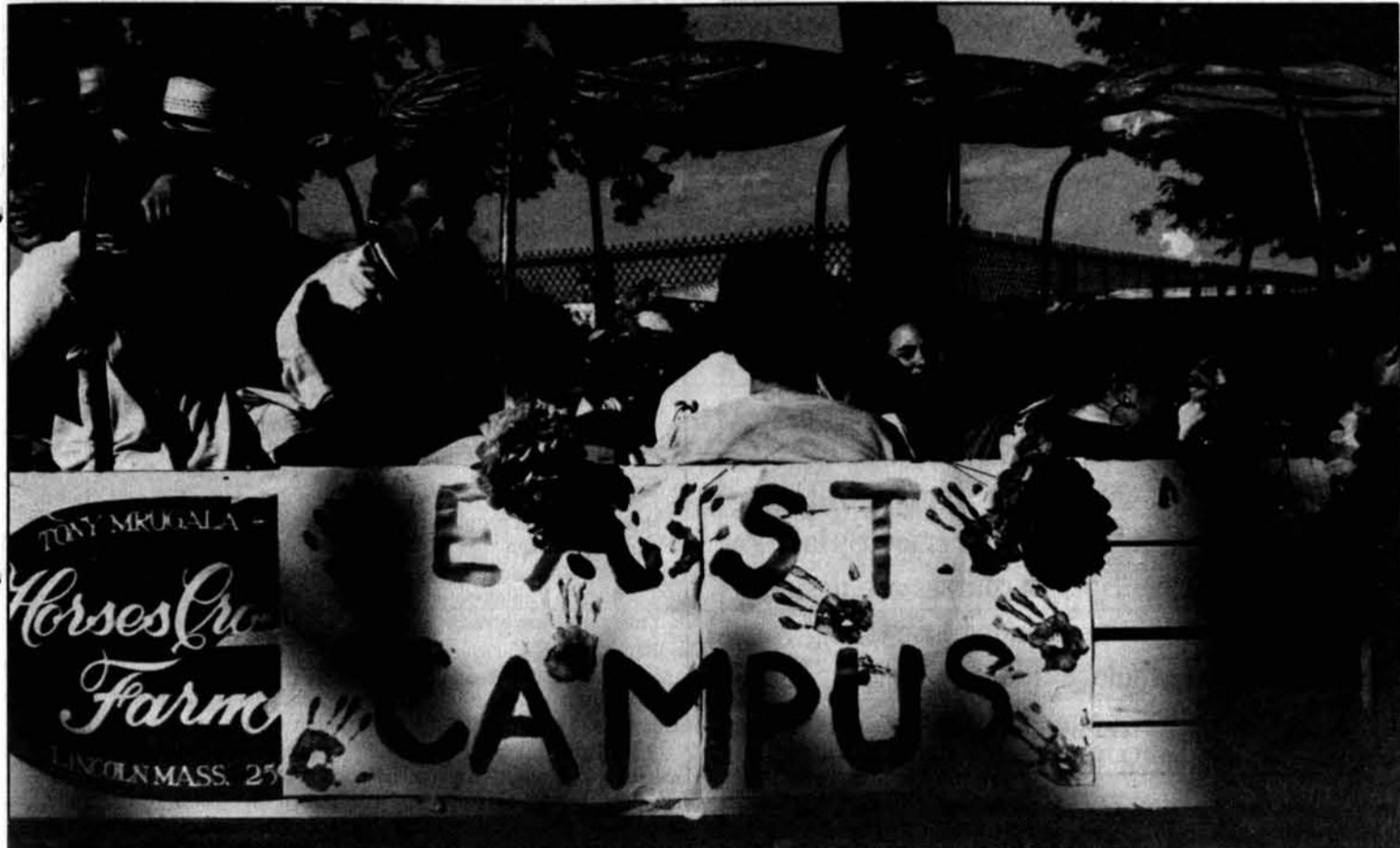
"Definitely we need some changes," Barron said. Dormcon does not want to continue to run the messaging system on its own. "We get no compensation from other organizations... but we knew that we would be running it all ourselves when we made this plan."

Barron is positive about the system. Since the FSILGs are all using Clearinghouse and thus are all computerized, they can easily e-mail the R/O office with messages, he said. Dormitory desk workers do not have to do as much work since all the mail is sorted for them, Barron said.

Barron is glad that the messaging system is working, especially considering that it was "something that came together at the last minute."

Freshmen difficult to contact

The absence of Clearinghouse in dormitories this year has made FSILG's attempts to get in touch with freshmen more difficult since freshmen can be tracked only when they are visiting other FSILGs, said Assistant Dean for RCA Neal H. Dorow, adviser to FSILGs.



HELEN M. LIN—THE TECH

Residents of East Campus offer freshman a breath of fresh air during a hayride along Amherst Alley Sunday afternoon.

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Rush Preparations Start Early, Help to Ease R/O Workers' Stress

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you're just thinking about where you've been and not only where you'd like to go, but where those around you would like to go," Amonlirdviman said.

In addition to having at least a year of experience at MIT to draw upon during rush, upperclassmen have been through at least one rush and have a more complete understanding of what rush entails.

Although there is stress, "it's a different sort of stress for upperclassmen," said Eugene Kuznetsov '98 from Tau Epsilon Pi.

The big difference is that now "I kind of know what's going on, and I can explain it to the freshmen," said Matthew A. Slayter '98 from Baker House.

"Basically, we're running rush, and we have to take care of the little details. As freshmen, we didn't know what to expect," said Next House resident Brenda S. Cho '98.

Some rush workers, however,

said that rush was not too stressful for them.

"I feel no stress about it at all because there's so many people helping with rush here," Slayter said.

"I don't think it's terribly stressful," Kuznetsov said. "It's stressful but manageable."

Preparation helps ease stress

For many living groups, rush is the culmination of a planning process that begins well in advance of the arrival of the freshman class, sometimes as early as last spring.

For some, the level of preparation reduces the stress they deal with when rush arrives.

"We've been preparing for a long time, and we haven't really felt that much stress," Cho said.

"The stress level seems to have fallen off a bit now that rush has started," said Random Hall resident Daniel J. Jablonski '96.

Still, rush activities involve a considerable amount of work on the

part of the upperclassmen sponsoring them.

"Sometimes it's a lot of work, but at the end it's always very rewarding," Kuznetsov said.

"The people who are here to work rush are doing a lot of work and not sleeping that much, I think," Jablonski said.

Lack of sleep is another thing often attributed to rush by upperclassmen. But the amount of lost sleep is sometimes not that much different from other times of the year.

"We don't sleep as much as we'd like to, but that's not unusual for MIT," Youssef M. Marzouk '97 said.

Overall, rush "is a lot of work and there's a lot of stress involved, but it's worth it," said Rho Chi Nancy C. Gotta '97, who counsels freshmen rushing sororities.

In the end, "rush is rush whether you're on the freshman or upperclassman side," Amonlirdviman said.

Clearinghouse Stable This Year on Athena; One Freshman Hides

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Contacting freshmen "is tougher in that fraternities don't know whether a freshman is in a dorm or not," Dorow said. "It's more of a guessing game."

Some groups have been unsure that the system is working. "Some FSILGs call us up wondering if the message got to the freshman," Aguayo said.

One freshman has opted to make himself invisible on the Clearinghouse system this year, Dorow said. "He was being interrupted too many times when he was rushing," he said.

The freshman, however, is continuing to rush fraternities. The case was not that he was trying to hide from any one fraternity but rather that "too many fraternities were trying to talk to him," he said.

The choice to make oneself invisible exists for freshmen to get away from problems like that, Dorow said. "It's there for a good reason, [but] we hope that a lot of people won't need" to make use of it.

It is not in fraternities' best interest to hound freshmen with messages through the system. "If someone is being really harassed by a fraternity, he's not going to join anyway," Dorow said. "The fraternities know this, and the R/O workers know this."

Clearinghouse is relatively secure

"We have not seen any malicious breaches of security since the system has gone up," Litt said.

"The first year the system was up, there was a friendly probing of the system by a well-known student computer organization," Litt said. "They did succeed in finding one security bug that was quickly noticed and fixed."

The main threat to security is not an active one, Litt said. Rather, it is the fact that people who connect to Clearinghouse with an unsafe telnet connection "can have all of their activity surreptitiously monitored by someone snooping on the network," he said.

"This is a common situation at MIT, and people who care about protecting their privacy can easily connect in a secure manner," he said.

In future years, Clearinghouse may be more customizable for users. "It was designed to be portable and maintainable, and so far it appears to have met this goal," Litt said.

This year, the server has proved reliable, and the client software has rarely crashed, as it had in past years, Litt said.

'Security without obscurity'

Clearinghouse's network protocol seems to have reached a point of stability, and the source code and network protocol may be published, Litt said.

The way the system works has been kept private, but there is no reason that the system can not maintain "security without obscurity," Litt said.

One good reason not to publish the protocol "is that it reserves us the right to change the protocol whenever we want without having to worry about publicizing those upgrades," Litt said.

Other stumbling blocks involved in the publishing procedure include the amount of time needed to prepare a document and the fact that the Clearinghouse system is run and debugged only once a year, Litt said.

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Housing Lottery Results Will Appear Wednesday

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running the 'frosHPref' program again," he said. "We'll also be sending out e-mail, but we wanted to make it easier for students" who haven't gotten their e-mail figured out yet.

The lottery will still be available to students whose Athena accounts aren't yet fully active, Oakland said. Such students should talk to an Athena consultant. "The consultants all should have instructions for what to do," he said.

Form asks single-sex preferences

The actual code for this year's lottery program is the same as last year's, Oakland said. However, some of the data files with the text have been changed.

Huntington Hall, a dormitory in Boston that MIT leased a few years ago and did not use last year, appeared on the list of choices last year, but has been removed this year, Oakland said.

The introductory text for the selection form has also been changed, specifically mentioning the possibility of single-sex housing, Oakland said. "It asks students who

are interested to mention [single-sex housing] in the comment field," he said.

"There's no guarantee that we'll be able to honor the requests," Oakland said. "We put it in because of the increased demand for single-gender housing."

Last year, the lottery suffered some problems. It went online an hour late because of a final change Oakland made to the program.

"We left the server running in single-user mode," and no one else could access it, Oakland said. "It took us an hour to get it back into multi-user mode."

Students happy with lottery

Gerda R. Nolan '00 said the lottery was easy and convenient to use. "I really thought it was easy," she said.

Emma R. Tevaarwerk '00 echoed these sentiments after she completed her selections. "I didn't have any problems," she said.

Tevaarwerk also said that she planned to utilize the lottery's option to revise her choices. "I'm probably going to end up coming back and changing things around before the end," she said.

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Miscommunications Cause CPs to Shut Down Events

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nice, without considering our culture," said Raymond Q. Luk '99, Senior House rush chair.

"The freshmen are really misinformed. They don't realize all the walls will be repainted soon," Luk said.

EC rush events stopped by CPs

East Campus encountered a number of problems with CPs around the beginning of rush as well. The display of lights spelling 'EC' on the Green Building Friday evening was turned off quickly by CPs.

Even though East Campus rush workers had obtained the necessary voluntary consent to have the lights left on, the Green Building manager had not been informed of the event. The actual reason for shutting down the light display is not yet known.

Campus Police declined to comment until Monday.

East Campus's live band performances Saturday morning, which were moved into Walker Memorial due to rain, were also shut down by CPs, apparently because the event had not been registered.

"It's rush weekend. None of the events have to be registered," Barron said. Even though there is a limit on the size of events on campus which do not have to be regis-

tered, "definitely no rush event at a dorm would ever go over that limit," he said.

East Campus event planners had problems with the manner in which the event was shut down. Reasoning with the police was "like talking to a bunch of trees. You don't get anywhere. They're almost impossible to deal with," Barron said.

"They don't need to treat students like that," Barron said. The CPs should be friendly and helpful "instead of going around as storm troopers of death."

Dorms confused by rush rules

For dormitories, the main problem Friday night was lack of advertising for events being held that night.

Even though many dormitories submitted entries to *The Daily Confusion*, due to an editorial error, none of those events actually appeared.

"We wouldn't have bought so much stuff for Friday night" had it been known dormitory events would not be in *The Daily Confusion*, said Random Hall Rush Chair Lorraine E. Hertzog '99.

"The administration was so unclear about so much; they were unclear about dormitories being allowed at Killian Kick-Off, and they were unclear about dormitory entries in *The Daily Confusion*,"

said Amy Vandiver '98, a resident of Random.

Several dormitories have also received warnings for violating Friday night postering rules, which dormitories were not clear about. According to Margaret A. Jablonski, associate dean for residence and campus activities, dormitories were not supposed to poster outside their premises for events on Friday night.

Some dormitories have not had such a hard a time with the confusion over rules. Baker House kept publicity fairly quiet this year, said Baker House Rush Chair Misha K. Hill '98.

"Freshmen have actually complimented me for the lack of publicity at Baker," Hill said. He also noted optimistically that the rain Saturday morning caused more freshmen to stay at Baker.

Message system confuses some

This year's messaging system also caused a degree of confusion and inconvenience at the beginning of rush, catching some dormitories off-guard.

This year, instead of using Clearinghouse, the computerized system to keep track of freshmen, dormitories have messages from fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups delivered from the R/O Center.

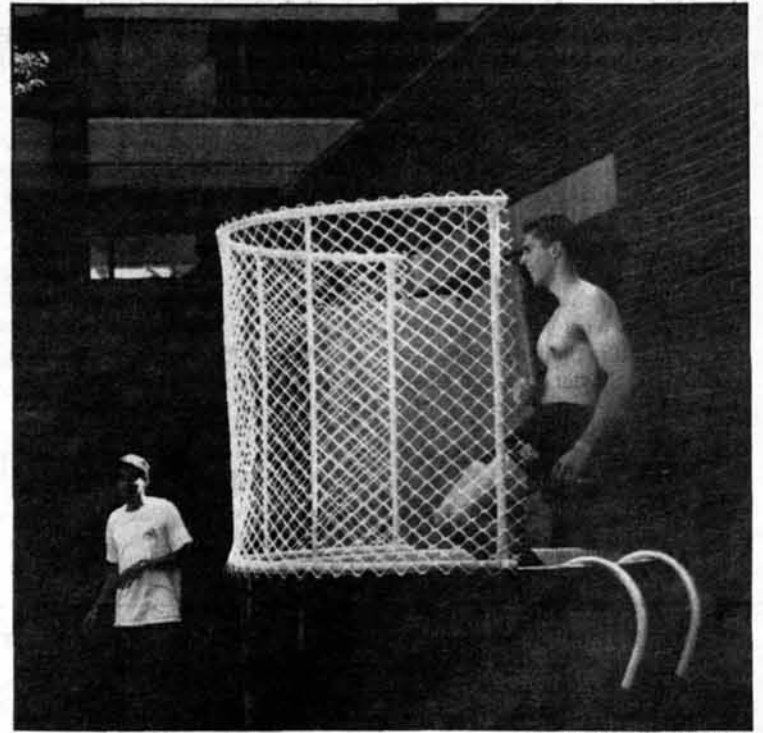
The message system "left me

feeling a little confused. One day, it was solid, there was no messaging system; the next day, it was solid that there was," said Burton-Conner House Rush Chair David M. Shapiro '97.

But despite some consternation,

dormitory rush workers are overwhelmingly happy that dormitories no longer use Clearinghouse.

"Thank God they got rid of Clearinghouse," said McCormick Hall Rush Chair Christina L. Kalb '98.



George S. Dolina '98 sits in the dunking stand at MacGregor House yesterday afternoon.

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