Daily Confusion Nixes Friday Dorm Entries

By David D. Hsu and Jennifer Lane

Without the knowledge of dormitory rush chairs and Dormitory Council officers, yesterday's issue of The Daily Confusion left off almost all the dormitory events held after Killian Kick-Off. Although dormitories sent in 41 entries for events Friday night, they were removed by Daily Confusion Editor Kelly K. Chan '98. Only one entry for East Campus remained.

Dormitories were allowed to hold low-key events yesterday night, said Dormcon President Christopher H. Barron '97. They were not allowed to advertise them. Barron said.

However, the dormitories had already sent in entries several weeks ago in time for The Daily Confusion Deadline, Barron said. The Daily Confusion had moved its deadline earlier by a couple of weeks, before early returns were back, which made things more chaotic, he said.

Dormitory rush officers assumed that the entries would still be printed.

"We were never told otherwise," said Stephen V. Baird '97, who serves as rush chair for East Campus. Baird had submitted 19 entries for Friday's Daily Confusion.

"It sucked to find that things are going on tonight but nobody knows about them," Baird said. Baird discovered that their entries were missing only after The Tech contacted him.

Initially, Barron did not know Daily Confusion, Page 9

Sig Ep Violates Rush Rules With Pre-Kick-Off Advertisement

By Stacey E. Blau

An advertisement that Sigma Phi Epsilon placed in yesterday's issue of The Tech is currently under investigation as a rush violation.

The advertisement, which appeared on page 7 of The Tech, featured a slogan that said "Rush Sig Ep" and included a listing of Sig Ep's rush events from Friday to Monday, a map of the area around the Sig Ep house, and the fraternity's phone number.

"The Judy Committee is looking into this violation," said Interfraternity Council Judcomm Chair Christopher G. Rodarte '97. Rush officially began at 6:15 p.m. last night following Killian Kick-Off. Any rushing before that time is in violation of IFC rules, Rodarte said.

Van, Student Leaders Advise Freshmen at Kick-Off

Van '97 called upon freshmen to look beyond appearances at yesterday's Killian Kick-Off, the official start of rush.

Other student leaders also spoke to prepare students for the hectic decision of choosing a living group.

Van began with a period for freshmen to socialize

Van discussed the importance of MIT education. "You are here not just to build computer programs, but to build character," he said. He also emphasized that MIT is not just preparation for the distant future, but rather a foundation for the immediate present.
The Boeing 747's fuel pumps, fuel probes and the cockpit fuel management system, recovered by divers from the crash site, will be inspected at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., by the same team that investigated the Challenger space shuttle explosion in 1986.

Robert Francis, vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, gave little indication of what the NASA team would be doing as part of its probe into the July 17 TWA crash that killed all 230 people aboard.

More than a week after investigators have been concentrating on the plane's instrumentation in the center fuel tank, which showed signs of heavy blast damage and burns.

Experts close to the investigation have said that focused explosions in the nearly empty center fuel tank area, which showed signs of heavy blast damage and burns, there is no evidence yet whether the explosion was initiated by a bomb or a mechanical anomaly.

FBI laboratory tests have found traces of PBX-95, a chemically explosive material, in plastic explosives that is widely used in bombs and in surface-to-air missiles. From wreckage retrieved from a seat in the section of the cabin from row 17 to 17 on New York-bound Flight 97, FBI Times reported in Friday's edition.

NASA will Examine TWA Flight 800's Fuel System

By Den Phillips
WASHINGTON POST

The fuel system recovered from TWA Flight 800 will be examined in an effort to determine what might have caused an explosion in the doomed aircraft, investigators said.

"There is no doubt that there was a failure," said Robert Francis, vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, which has not yet ruled out a bomb or a mechanical anomaly.

"It might have been an accident, or it might have been a bomb," Francis said.

But the newspaper said law enforcement officials were still not ready to declare the possibility of a bomb in Flight 800 a criminal act.

In a senior law enforcement official's words, the FBI report was "exaggerated" in suggesting that the aircraft was blown down the 747. "All of the theories" — bomb, missile, mechanical — are "still being considered" because there is "not definitive proof of an explosive device.

Another official familiar with the investigation, commenting on the report of traces of chemical, said, "It's not the smoking gun. It's a puzzle still.

If more evidence of it is found, however, the explosive device they're looking may be in a few weeks," another source said.

At a meeting Thursday in Washington that included Attorney General Janet Reno, Transportation Secretary Federico Pena, FBI Director Louis J. Freeh, National Transportation Safety Board President James Kallstrom and Representative James Jeffords, who is leading the FBI's investigation of the crash, the New York Post said.

"There was confusion and disagreement," Francis said. "There was not enough information to make any kind of an official familiar with the meeting."

"It's not enough," the official said.

One official contacted by the Associated Press suggested there are other possible explanations for the existence of a trace amount of nitromethane, a pyrotechnic tetrasnitrate.

For example, a passenger, perhaps a soldier who worked with explosives, could have brought a contraption to the airport and then destroyed the plane inadvertently.

The Times said the chemical is used in military explosives, such as dynamite, metalworking, demolition, rock blasting and for creating sculpting materials.

A spokesman for the outdoor advertising industry, said: "There is no rationale for the restriction on advertising, or the huge implications on the medical rationale for the restriction.

The government will have to justly justify these restrictions," the spokesman said.

The TWA plane was powered by two engines, each driving a single propeller, and had no second powerplant in case of engine failure.

TWA 800 was flying at roughly 600 miles above the earth, about the same altitude as a military spy satellite.

The FAA banned all U.S. airlines from flying below 30,000 feet for fear of a terrorist attack.

As of Thursday, according to Francis, 209 bodies have been identified, with another 100 still unaccounted for. Of the 23 bodies that were listed as missing, 21 bodies were distributed to various hospitals and morgues across the country.
Despite Cease-fire in Grozny, Chechen Destruction Continues

By David Hoffman

The Republican candidate for the job of chief prosecutor in Oakland County, Michigan, announced on August 24 that he will not prosecute a 72-year-old Russian pensioner who had been charged with double suicide in Detroit and twice in suburban Michigan. The case, which could force Boston to scrap racial set-aside policies, is a test of the constitutionality of affirmative action programs in classrooms.

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**Editorial**

The discovery this week of massive accounting errors in the office of Residence and Campus Activities' handling of student account activities came as no surprise. As any student familiar with RCA's operations over the past few years would recall, the system was mismanaged, resulting in glaring inefficiencies and months-long delays. Assistant Director for Residence and Housing Margaret A. Jablonski said that the office was aware of the problems, though their scope was not known.

Given the admitted that the accounting errors amounted to a net loss of $140,000.

The mismanagement of student money has created serious problems for the students involved. Many students have found it difficult to pay their bills, that they can't afford to have reimbursements or pay

RCA has informally blamed the mismanagement of student accounts on a low morale and staff turnover among its business staff as well as current Staff Associate Eleanor P. Crawford. Bad software and staff incompetence help explain RCA's accounting fiasco, but they certainly do not excuse it. It was in fact,

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accounts have been so slow. Students have been behind efforts to develop outside accounts, and they have had to drag RCA kicking and screaming into negotiating an end to its inefficient system.

The organization responsible for the current disaster should play a major role in keeping student accounts from this point forward. There is little justification for deans to have authority over stu-

It is not unexpected that the current situation has led to widespread dissatisfaction among the student body. In the past few years, student groups have been

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Rushers Should Be Respectful of Those Not Rushing

Column by A. Arif Husain

By now, we're all well into Residence and Orientation Week, and for better or for worse the rush has begun. The excitement of the period has barely even peaked, and like the yearly salmon spawning, over a thousand frosh fight the RO current to make their way to residential bliss.

But what about the rest of us? These two weeks have been carefully orchestrated to maximize productivity and enhance settling in for our new freshmen class. We all support that cause. Certainly, though, that does not exclude the many hundreds of non-freshmen from our own civil liberties. In all fairness, those of us who have been around all summer, or those who chose to return early must be advised, but I cannot overlook their equally effective, but at least it would be amusing to effective, but at least it would be amusing to

sororities, too.

What exactly is it that makes sororities think they have to be so sneaky? I respect any sorority that goes to schmooze a little while purloining ome let initiate invitation proceedings. I don't know if it would be any less annoying, or even very effective, but at least it would be amusing to see letter-wearing Greeks ringing little brass bells all the time.

Next, please keep the shirts on. Agreed, the summer days are hot, and the humidity has made things far from comfortable. But that's no reason to unleash those hairy beer guts for no reason to keep things covered up. Let's face it: the summer days are hot, and the humidity has made things far from comfortable. Let's face it: what goes for sororities, too.

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irritating to be harassed. But nobody likes being harassed. But nobody likes being harassed.

But let's be realistic. Is there really a need for an indoor carnival and Boston, hanging around. Rest & relaxation. Join us for dinner at PIZZERIA UNO's largest dinner! Call for a ride! 661-4411 ext 40)

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11 am - 4 pm Conquer the world with R&R PAINTBALL! Bring pants, paintgums, action provided.
5pm - 7 pm Laugh at the best COMEDY CONNECTION in Faneuil Hall.
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SUNDAY

9 am - 11 am The best BRUNCH around.
12 pm - 4 pm Cheer on the Boston RED SOX at Fenway Park.
5pm - 8pm Dine with us at the HARD ROCK CAFE.
8pm - 1am Canoe trip, trek into Boston, hanging around. Rest & relaxation.
MONDAY all day
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We take care of students, employees, and their families. That makes us very different from most university health services.

It means we're big enough to have a staff of over 200, providing care in over 20 medical specialties, as well as x-ray, testing, and laboratory facilities.
The annual freshman class picture was taken yesterday afternoon in Killian Court.

Angela Chou '99, an editor of The Daily Confusion, asked The Tech not to print the guide in Friday's issue because The Tech comes out in the morning, long before the end of Killian Kick-Off when rush activities can begin, Stevenson said. Stevenson said that he spoke to someone from Sig Ep last week about the advertisement. "I specifically told him we're not printing The Daily Confusion on Friday," he said.

"It looks like a violation," said Assistant Dean for Residence and Campus Activities Neal H. Dorow, who also serves as adviser to fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. "That's what the evidence points to."

"We want people to follow the rules," Dorow said. "Unfortunately, an ad appeared early, although whether or not the act was intentional remains to be seen, he said.

Before the act is deemed a violation, there will be an investigation, Dorow said. No immediate action could be taken because 96 hours notice is required before a hearing, and with the main activities of fraternity rush this weekend, such action is not feasible, according to Dorow.

"They'll be asked to answer for this, but at an appropriate time," he said. "For now, we have rush."

"It better not be," said Stevenson, saying that the advertisement appears to violate rules intentionally.

"I was kind of worried when I saw it come out in The Tech," said Stevenson. "It's not our fault that it came out before the kick-off."

Dormitory Council President Christopher H. Barron '97 said that the advertisement appears to violate rush rules.

"It's not a new thing to hear about living groups breaking rules intentionally," Barron said. For "blatant incidents like this, monetary fines don't go far enough," Barron said. Fines "obviously don't seem to be getting the message across."

Several fraternity rush chairs declined to comment about the advertisement.

Do you doodle or draw comics in your spare time? Then why not let us all see your work by having a comic strip in The Tech! Just give us a call at 253-1541 or stop by W20-483.
The MIT School of Journalism’s curriculum, leading to a degree of editor, is based on a broad working knowledge of various writing, business, photography, graphic design and technology skills. The program is geared primarily toward students with no prior knowledge of the academic material. The intended outcome of the program is a person whose interest is in producing an award-winning news publication twice weekly. The curriculum is also designed to encourage students to pursue other undergraduate and graduate degrees simultaneously.

Applicants are encouraged to stop by our offices in room 483 of the Student Center immediately for more information and lots of free food.
Sorority rush began with the Women's Rush Convocation held immediately after Killian Kick-Off yesterday evening. At the convocation, freshman women learned about the non-dormitory Interfraternity Council options for women, which consist of the five nationally-affiliated sororities (Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Sigma Kappa), Women's Independent Living Group, and coeducational independent living groups.

After the convocation, rushes met for pizza with their "Rho Chis," a group of temporarily disaffiliated sorority members whose purpose is to befriend, advise, and support the freshmen during rush, according to Laura DePaoli '97, president of the Panhellenic Association.

A Rho Chi is the only sorority member who can speak to freshmen outside of specified rush activities and locations; about 27 freshman women are assigned to each Rho Chi at the start of rush.

Perhaps the most crucial part of rushing is finding a housing option. While many freshmen have been assigned to houses, rush rooms provide an opportunity for the students to express their preferences. Laura DePaoli '97, president of the Panhellenic Association, said that Rush rooms will not be given until the freshmen have been assigned to Rush rooms. The freshmen will then be able to "telephone messages only from MIT administration members and for telephone messages from the [Interfraternity Council] of the MIT."

There are "crowded" from singles to doubles, triplets to suites, according to Aguayo. "Dorm con stresses to the IFC that dormitories are not subject to IFC regulations. Unlike their FSILG counterparts, dorminyrush is "totally different" from FSILG rush, Giszpenc said. "Dorms aren't actually rush. We are welcoming freshmen through dorm rush and we hope we can bin them to find people to live with. They are looking for a closer relationship... Doms will get people no matter what."
Sophomore Looks at Dinners From the Other Side
By Jason C. Yang

On my first day at MIT, my roommate asked me if I wanted to go to Thursday Night Dinners at the Baker House, my dormitory. Unfortunately, I wasn't at Athletic Center College to see the beginning of the Daily Confusion. The student representatives couldn't get our freshmen, and the rest of us would meet up with them later.

Chen said that there were altogether counted four freshmen among us. To me, four freshmen out of twenty was too much. I saw that somewhere in Boston there was a group of freshmen being herded into a tiny restaurant.

Our reservation for La Famiglia Giorgio's in the North end was for 25 people, but we easily filled that and half during the warming up. By the time we just had arrived at MIT and without even checking in to our room, he left the bugs at the desk and went with us.

When we arrived at the Kendall T stop there was already a long line of people who had been waiting, as more MIT students arrived, the attendant opened up a second window. I was very surprised to find that I had to start carrying change and T tokens again last week.

When I was standing in the T for the last three months was a little dinting. I guess it was the same for many of us. I checked for the summer as I could travel through the T blindfolded. Green, blue, and orange were more than just colors. When we were in high school, we looked at the wrong side of the station. Later, half of our group missed a stop, but eventually we all found each other and arrived in time.

The place was really crowded and service was extremely slow. Apparently another Dinner group was there at the same time. We stared at our menus for almost 45 minutes before the waiters took our orders. It was another hour and a half before we got our food. When we left, we took advantage of the baskets of bread offered.

Going into Thursday Night Dinners, I thought the food would be the same as the one at MIT and academically. After a day of MOY and Tech, I guess they were too easy to relax in and forget about MIT. I also thought that I would be talking about my dorm; trying to convince them to live with us. In the end, during the last week, we reselected over our collective R/O experiences, past and present.

We remembered the rope challenges, the train sickness, the food challenges and we also griped about MOY A, which most of us had found alienating and boring. I wanted to find out about Tech Trek because it was a new activity. It seemed interesting, but one of the freshmen said it was condescending. Every one of us wanted to solve puzzles. No one really knew what was going on.

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who removed the listings or why the listings were removed. "I wouldn't be surprised if [the Office of Residence and Campus Activities] pulled Friday entries," Barron said.

Chen said that he was confused because it's Killian Kick-Off yesterday. When the topic of conversation drifted toward the problem of admissions, said Chen. Barron said. Chen deleted the dormitory listings before passing them on to BAR for a further editing, he said.

"No one tells us about [the rules on rush]," Chen said. "I'm really upset about this."

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