Dormitories See Departure From Previous Years' Trends

By Stacey E. Blau

Wednesday's residence hall lottery results indicated a number of departures from prior classes' preferences.

Senior House, consistently one of the most undersubscribed dormitories, was the third most oversubscribed dormitory in this year's lottery, with 34 freshmen placing it as their first choice, exceeding the 26 spots available. As a result, only freshmen who ranked Senior House first were placed there.

Bexley Hall, another perennially undersubscribed dorm, had 17 freshmen rank it first, only two fewer than the 19 spots available. Of the 19 freshmen placed there, 14 ranked it first. This compares favorably with the results from last year, when only 11 of the 23 freshmen placed in Bexley ranked it first.

Some dormitories less popular

Baker House, usually one of the more popular choices, was the most undersubscribed dorm this year. Only 51 freshmen ranked Baker first, compared with 118 spots open. "I think we had a quiet rush this year," said George R. Lee '98, a rush worker who worked desk at Baker during the week. "That might have contributed to it."

"Baker does not look like a really nice dorm compared to Senior House" after its renovations, Lee said.

East Campus, usually one of the least popular dormitories, was second most undersubscribed, with only 49 first-place rankings compared with 100 spots. For both Baker and East Campus, a significant number of freshmen, 28 in each case, were placed there who ranked it third or lower.

Popular choices unchanged

"RIO" and "McGregor House, McCormick Hall, and Burton-"

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Cambridge Students Converge on Institute for City Days Festivities

By Brett Altschul

Today in Kresge Oval, about 470 students from grades three through six from all of Cambridge's public elementary schools will assemble for the fifth annual City Days Festival.

About 600 MIT students — roughly 75 percent of them freshmen — from 35 living groups will assist with the event, leading elementary student groups around campus and organizing activities, said Tracy F. Purinton, senior office assistant in the Public Service Center and the event's coordinator.

This marks the first year that third graders were included in the event, Purinton said. She said that they were added because the number of MIT students participating in City Days had increased.

"It's become more and more of an expected event during Residence and Orientation Week," she said. "Many fraternities and independent living groups are now making it a required activity for their pledges."

Events focus on education and fun

The events this year focus both on education and enjoyment, Purinton said. "We try to set up activities that teach them skills they can apply later on."

In the traditional egg-drop activity, children will design packages for eggs, aiming to keep them from breaking after being dropped, Purinton said.

In other activities, students will construct prototype helicopters, make pinhole cameras, and build bridges that will hold the greatest possible weight, Purinton said. There are also more pure fun activities, like a water balloon toss and a no-hands-allowed jello-eating race, she said.

At the opening of the event, President Charles M. Vest and Cambridge Vice-Mayor Kathleen L. Bates said that they are "prepped for the weekend," Lee said. "We received comments from students, and since the area is relatively safe, we have made it open 24 hours a day."

The three ATMs consist of two Bankays cash machines and one Fleet Bank machine.

A spokesperson from Baybank said she was happy with the change. "It's a great change. It is a great service to students who have access to this new feature," she said. Glavin added that the ATM was the most accessible and will never use it again. "I'm usually up at 3 a.m.," said Jason James '00: "It's due to the change."

Some students are also happy with the change. "I usually am up at 3 a.m.," said Jason James '00. "It is convenient for me to go get some more money when I have a late night binge."

Others are not so pleased.
Hurricane Edouard.

The Atlanta-based airline had 51 planes in the air until it agreed to suspend all flights on June 18 following the crash of a DC-9 in the Florida Everglades on May 11. All 110 persons aboard were killed.

The Department of Transportation, the FAA's parent, also issued a tentative finding Thursday that ValuJet was economically sound and that its present top executives were qualified to continue running the company.

Transportation officials said they had found no reason to accede to a demand by Susan Clayton, president of the Atlanta chapter of the Association of Flight Attendants, that Lewis Jordan be removed as company president.

By Gerard Roe

The announcement Tuesday of a tentative finding Thursday that ValuJet was economically sound and that its present top executives were qualified to continue running the company "addresses and completed all the items outlined in the consent order," that grounded planes in June.

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Bill White, FAA deputy director of flight standards services, said the agency returned ValuJet's operating certificate because the company "met all the conditions in the consent order." The order was based on an account by the woman herself, who said she flew for the "intimidation" that she faced in the middle class.

By John M. Broder

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White also said that Clinton revised his speech Thursday afternoon after the Morris affair in recognition that conventional news had been ambushed by the news.

Press secretary Mike McCurry said Clinton knew that the matter had been a "diversion" from the "real...substance" of the Morris affair, and included language in the final draft "to lift up the spirits" of the delegates.
Second-Quarter Surge Surprises Economists, Renews Inflation Fears
By Albert B. Crenshaw and John M. Berry
THE WASHINGTON POST

The nation's economy grew more briskly in the second quarter than econo-
mists had realized, the government said Thursday — stoking fears of renewed, faster-in-eye, interest rates, and sending the stock market sharply downward.

Retail sales, which市场的 worries that the economy is overheating was
steadily growing, also rose sharply in July, fueling speculation that new construction could be in order.

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My name is Christopher H. Barron '97, and I’m the Dormitory Council president for 1996. In Week 3, in order to eliminate one of the rush issues, we released the article “Fraternity Rush Going Slowly; Resists Declaring a Rush Meeting as a Roster for the Purpose of Interfraternity Fraternity, Sorority, and Independent Living Group Rush Results. The Dormcon officers and I hope this helps clarify some misconceptions about rush this year.

First, Dormcon didn’t change any of its rush rules right before rush began. If our rules seemed new in Week 3, that’s because Dormcon should be aware that we were out of the way to communicate new rules to the Interfraternity Council. It was their job to inform their members about the new rules — not ours. Dormcon released a memo last spring which listed its major rule changes since last rush. This memo was circulated to all Dormcon members, the IFC, and the Office of Residence and Campus Activities.

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Students Should Not Allow Cliquists to Restrict Them

Guest column by Jun-Chen Chang

I came from a science and technology magnet school. The education was great, but there were too many cliques. I felt uncomfortable about having to fit a particular preconceived image. When I got into MIT, I was thrilled; I would finally be at a place where everyone would give me a chance. After a week of rush, I am tired and sad that cliques seem to have taken over MIT and that so many people seem to have the same interests. I am happy that I have started to treat people as part of a group, instead of just as a person.

I've been walking around campus trying to get to know people. I visited fraternities and I visited dorms. It was sad seeing dorm-mangers so eager to issue a rush violation. It was sad seeing freshmen heading to the student center with Boston like they were objects and not real people. Why can't we just be ourselves?

Ten of us are here from my high school, but all of us are different people. I've seen some of them go off in friendships and iterests and other independent living groups, so even looking at our high school friends that have had a bad rush experience and have decided not to associate with IFLGs. Everyone, including me, wants to feel accepted. MlT is a place of big place, and there are many different types of people. I wish that we would all realize that people want to feel accepted right away. But being accepted is not worth the cost of chang- ing your lifestyle at the risk of emotional and mental stress.

I know that you believe that I hate IFLGs, I must say that I am not against them. They are a great way for some to meet people and to start friendships. I do not consider myself to ploidge IFLGs without even considering dorms as an option. I was walking down the side- walk after rush when I met up with a IFLG who was coming from to one of my friends from high school. He gave me a ride and gave me a chuckle as if I were now a loser.

If we are to do well here, I think that everyone needs to keep in mind that we can not stop looking at people's course numbers or at what they have done in high school. We must use them to help decide who we want to be. We share one common purpose — to get the best possible education. Learning is hard here, but if we all have a little more fun, we all would be better off.

For those that joined a IFLG, don't feel like you have to only socialize with people in your IFLG. Make friends from all over campus. I am a frequent traveler, and airline personnel have been noth- ing but kind to me. This step is needed. I am a frequent traveler, and airline personnel have been nothing but kind to me. But what airline personnel have been noth- ing but kind to me.

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Clinton Plan on Cigarettes
A Timely Political Move

Kelman, from Page 4

really, really mean it inside our nifty sounding drug-free zone." In my view, all this zone did was lower the overall credibility of the enforcement of illegal drug laws in our communities. Why shouldn't selling crack behind the local McDonald's — where kids will surely be — be as bad as drug dealing three football-field lengths from a school? Among the same lines today, why should a billboard for cigarettes be any less of a terrible thing near the local mall — where kids will surely be — than near a school? How much did teen drug use rise in the period of 1992 to 1995, at the same time those drug-free zones have been in effect? A resounding 105 percent. Again, this new regulation is a start, but let us not kid ourselves into thinking that any kind of partial zone-based stance is enough.

Finally, I can not deal with this issue without commenting on it on a more politicized level. The tobacco regulation announcement appeared as part of Clinton's recent flurry of policy announcements before the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. This particular announcement is especially convenient; it came on the heels of a report on the rise in teenage drug use during the Clinton administration.

I cannot resist questioning whether Clinton's announcement is really intended to do anything or if it is meant just to sound good and diffuse the potentially ruinous drug use report. I would like to hope that the answer is the former. The list of causes that Clinton has championed at one time and then later allegedly abandoned is not easy to ignore. Supporters of gay rights and welfare come to mind as groups where one have recently cried betrayal.

In general, I support Clinton's new policies regarding tobacco, but I urge him (and Bob Dole — perhaps our next president), to take even more action to stop the plague of nicotine among our teenagers. I grant that the I,ODD-foot no-billboard zone is more easily enforceable than the drug-free zone is, but that credibility is lost through a partial, area-based ban on advertisements. I assert that vending machine regulations do not get to the root of the problem regarding the purchase of tobacco by minors. I have seen friends of mine from high school destroy much of their lives, beginning with tobacco use. America owes it to the youth of today and those of the 21st century not to stop halfway regarding tobacco control.

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Advisors should...

- Offer academic advice and counseling. This could include assistance in choosing classes, fulfilling degree requirements, deciding on research interests, finding faculty/staff for UROPs, theses, etc., and pointing students in the right direction to find out about administrative procedures.
- Get to know students and their record well enough so that they can provide informed assistance in case of academic difficulties (e.g., when students are discussed at CAP, when they are not performing well in classes, etc.) and give them friendly support.
- Offer assistance or direct students to the right place to determine post-MIT plans (e.g., choosing graduate schools and advice on jobs).
- Inform advisees of office hours, and encourage them to drop by at that time or to schedule an appointment to meet at a later time. Let advisees know the best way and time to reach them.
- Take the initiative to meet with their advisees, particularly during their sophomore year, because often times students who need the most help are afraid to ask for it.
- Maintain the confidentiality of advisees' records.
- Create an environment in which students feel comfortable talking to them.
- Respect their advisees' decisions and support their goals, while challenging them to think through their plans.
- Communicate their expectations of their advisees to their advisees.

Advisees should...

- Expect their advisors to be available at least by appointment during the regular academic term. Students should not necessarily expect to be able to drop into their advisors' offices to meet with them.
- Not expect their advisors to be close, personal friends.
- Expect their advisors to act as mentors and not just as paperwork signers.
- Take the initiative to meet with their advisors more than just on Registration Day.
- Be sure to meet with their advisors if they are having academic difficulties.
- Expect to assume a gradual increase in responsibility for maintaining their relationships with their advisors, as they progress through MIT.
- Know that they have the right to change their advisors if they feel that they are not getting adequate advice.
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Departments should...

- Make every effort to match interests (e.g., research, personality) of advisors and students.
- Make it clear to students that they have the right to change their advisors if they feel that they are not receiving good advice or they have trouble talking to their advisors.
- Inform advisors and students of all the resources available within the department and in the Institute (perhaps in the form of a guidebook).
- Have some type of orientation for incoming majors (towards the end of freshman year) and new advisors to familiarize them with the department and its procedures.
- Monitor students' fulfilling of degree requirements.
- Provide an effective support system to advisors and advisees in the form of an undergraduate office that is knowledgeable and helpful.

The Baker Foundation is a student group committed to improving undergraduate life at MIT, and is best known for giving out the annual teaching award. For the past two years, the Foundation has worked on the issue of upperclass advising. These guidelines are based on conversations with department administrators and faculty members, and the results of a student survey.
The Arts

ON THE SCREEN

BY THE TECH ARTS STAFF

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Local Banks Offer Credit Card Options To College Students

By Cristian A. Gonzalez

Credit cards are becoming the payment method of choice among the population at large, and choosing a credit card to use is often a matter of concern for incoming students.

Credit cards, however, must be used with care. National Credit Counseling Services, an organization that tracks consumer spending, reports that college students on average have a student loan balance of $10,146 after four years, leaving little room for credit card debts.

Most financial firms require that applicants be at least 18 years old to obtain a credit card. Credit cards can be obtained from local banks or, in other cases, directly from credit card companies.

Baybank

Baybank offers a classic Visa card with a $21 annual fee, a $1,000 credit line, and an annual percentage rate of the prime (currently 8.25 percent, though in a prime, the number varies) plus 4.8 percent, usually totalling somewhere over 16 percent in interest per year. Baybank has a grace period of 30 before interest is charged on purchases. Several value packages are also available for those who wish to get a checking and savings account at Baybank. Some include credit cards with no annual fees and debt cards.

CitiBank

CitiBank's Visa card features a photograph of the owner for identification purposes and charges no annual fee. Their APR is currently 18.15 percent (9.4 percent added to the prime). Their grace period before bills must be paid is 20 to 25 days. CitiBank will charge a fee of $15 on past-due purchases and cash advances.

Fleet Bank

Fleet Bank offers several options, including a Visa credit card with an APR equal to 3 percent plus the prime, as well as a CalDer Visa with a 9.9 percent APR. Balances transferred from any other credit card for one year. The CalDer card also gives 1 percent rebate for purchases made at CalDer stores. Fleet has no annual fees on any of its credit cards. A MasterCard with 3.4 percent APRs on transactions on first-year purchases is available. There is a 250-day grace period on purchases. Credit limits vary with income, but normally start at around $500.

Bank of Boston

The Bank of Boston's student card offers an APR currently at 6.4 percent (obtained by subtracting 1.85 from the prime) and has no minimum annual fee. Credit line is determined during the approval process, and varies with income.

Bank of Boston offers a grace period of 25 days, provided the previous balance was paid in full.

Bank of Boston offers both Mastercard and Visa credit cards.

Cambridge Trust Company

Cambridge Trust Company has an annual fee of $21 and a fixed APR of 16.45 percent. Credit limits normally range from $500 to $1,000, but it is relatively easy to get it increased.

The grace period for payments is 28 days. Only Mastercard is available.

American Express Optima

American Express offers the Optima student card as an option for college students. Unlike American Express's other cards, the Optima has no annual fee, and currently has a 18.15 percent APR for purchases. It also has a 30-day grace period for purchases.

The Optima card allows discounts in Continental Airlines airfares, Continental frequent flier miles, and 30 minutes per month of long distance calls on MCI for a year.

The Discover Card

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A special anniversary offer allows cardholders to get back 2.5 percent of the first $1,000 spent during this year and 0.5 percent for the second $1,000, and 1 percent for any $1,000 after that.

POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between August 21 and 28:

Aug. 21: Bldg. E23, dietary supplement stolen, $25; Bldg. 26, suspicious activity; Bldg. E39, suspicious activity; Endicott St., Honda broken into, electric base, sunglasses, and CD player stolen, $700; Phi Beta Epsilon, Honda broken into and CD player and cash stolen, $200; Student Center, food stolen, $25; Kirk L. Rooks, of Westgate 4A, arrested for assault and battery between persons know to each other.

Aug. 22: Ames St. near Bldg. 66, MIT student scammed by con artist for a large sum of money.

Aug. 23: Bldg. 3, aluminum chassis stolen, $287; Rockwell Cage, wallet stolen while person played basket-

Aug. 24: Bldg. 7, Timothy Donnelly, of the Pine Street Inn, Boston, arrested for trespassing and on an out-

Aug. 25: Nest House, annoying phone calls, Belchay Hall, doll stolen.

Aug. 26: Bldg. E51, suspicious activity; Bldg. 37, annoying mail; Bldg. N52, wallet stolen, $50; Bldg. E40, bicycle stolen, $50; Albany Street Garage, Ford broken into and radio stolen, $500; Bldg. 3, suspicious activity; LaVerde's, John Hose, of 12 Rand Circle, Danvers, arrested for shoplifting.

Aug. 27: Westgate, domestic dispute; Bldg. 66, juvenile arrested for attempted larceny; Bldg. 3, suspi-

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Campus Police Educate Against New Scam Artist

By Erik Sit

Campus Police have released a "scam alert" warning the MIT community about a con artist who has been approaching individuals in the area. Two incidents occurred on campus last week, in addition to several Cambridge residents and Harvard University affiliates, have been victims of the scam.

According to the CPs, victims are approached by the scam artist and are told a sob story about a broken-down car or a sick child and an urgent need to get money. The scam artist will give the victim a check and ask in return that the person obtain cash from an ATM. The check which is given to the victim is usually a stolen check. The suspect will usually insist that the victim get into a cab or a car driven by a female accomplice and is taken to locations as far away as Quincy to go to an ATM machine.

The most recent description of the suspect is a black male, approximately 5'11", 170 pounds, in his early 30s, with close-cropped hair and a mustache. His accomplice is described as a black female, 5'3" and "chunky."

Education can prevent crime

In an effort to reduce the occurrence of this new scam and other crimes, CPs are trying to educate the MIT community about the issues involved in living in an urban campus area. To this end, CPs are offering several crime-prevention seminars.

The seminars are slated to cover urban crime, acquaintance rape, and personal safety. CPs are willing to give presentations on these topics, seminars, and learning to be streetwise.

The seminars are designed

Course helps women fight rape

A new CP homepage on the World Wide Web can be found at [http://web.mit.edu/cp/www]. The first 450 people who visit the site will receive a free gift.

"The Safety, Security, and Crime Prevention Handbook for MIT" distributed by the CPs is available on the page. Crime statistics and Saferide shuttle information can also be found there.

Other services available on the CP's site include a new bicycle registration form and a campus lost-found section. Anonymous crime tips can also be sent online.

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Parents to Attend Open House
Events for Parents Orientation

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Martha R. Jennings, manager of president's house, expected between 1000 and 1200 guests, both parents and freshmen. The breakfast, which includes a receiving line, is "a chance for administrators to introduce themselves" to parents, Jennings said.

The Choraladies will also regale parents as they wait to meet Vest.

Presentations to inform parents Saturday continues with a panel discussion called "Cutting the Apron Strings." Lee said that the event, which will be as informal as possible, is designed "to assure parents that their freshmen will be taken care of academically, socially, and in all aspects of campus life."

The program will also "let them know about the facilities at MIT," Lee said. MIT is not an easy place, but parents "should pretty much leave [their] students alone. Students will do well here and if not, we have the resources in terms of tutoring, counseling, and support offices to help them," she said.

This panel will be made up of Associate Dean for Residence and Campus Activities Andrew M. Eisenmann '75, Bexley Hall Housemaster Carol Orme-Johnson, Associate Dean of Counseling and Support Services Arnold R. Henderson Jr., and three students.

"Greek 101," a presentation by Adviser to Fraternities, Sororities and Independent Living Groups Neal H. Dorow, assistant dean for RCA, will answer parents' questions concerning Greek life.

For parents of students residing in dormitories the "Mi Casa Es Su Casa" event will provide an opportunity to meet housemasters and tour dormitories.

A new event this year is the Boston brunch and cruise on Sunday for which over 30 parents have already registered.

Family weekend in October

This weekend's events for parents is a precursor to a broader Family Weekend in October. Bates said that the programs do not totally overlap.

Theresa J. Lee, program manager for alumni/alumnae activities, said that this weekend is intended for "freshmen's parents while family weekend is for all parents."

In addition, she said that since Family Weekend occurs when MIT is in session, parents have the chance to see a different aspect of the school than they will this weekend. Any similarities are "not anything that would prevent parents from coming again."

City Days to Promote Community Relations

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Born M.Arch '77 will address participants.

Purinton said that City Days is an event important to the building of good relations between MIT and the local community. "It helps incoming MIT students to realize they're part of a larger community than MIT," she said.

"It kicks off the PSC's Links program, where we send students into the public schools on a weekly basis," she said. "It helps build up familiarity for both the elementary school students and the MIT people."

It has also helped relations between groups within MIT, Purinton said. Groups that have traditionally had disagreements have scheduled events together to help smooth over past enmity, she said.

Professor of Physics John W. Belcher talks to Grace H. Wang '00 at the Freshmen Meet the Professors event yesterday afternoon in the Bush Room (10-105).
Housing Lottery Results Better; Dorm Crowding Down This Year

This improvement, however, did not come from a better computer algorithm, according to Residence and Campus Activities Staff Associate for Residence Programs Philip M. Bernard. Rather, the improvements likely are due to the smaller class size, approximately 20 fewer than last year.

Moderate crowding expected

Wednesday, Bernard stated that there would be a maximum of about 146 crowds, with the precise number to be determined as pledging continues.

This level of crowding is slightly better than last year, when approximately 155 crowds were required. At this number, most freshman rooms in East Campus will be crowded into doubles and doubles in Burton-Conner, McCormick, and New House will be crowded into triples.

Based on patterns from the past few years, it will not be necessary to convert the lounges in the MacGregor tower into doubles. In addition, quadruples in Baker Houses will not be crowded into quints.

Both these situations were considered particularly serious situations in past years, and the Institute has attempted to avoid them, in part by housing approximately 50 members of the Sigma Kappa sorority in the basement of Ashdown House, a graduate dormitory, until a sorority house is obtained for them.

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