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Tonight: Cloudy, cool, 60°F (16°C)
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Kathryn A. Willmore, Executive Assistant to the President, who helped decide to exclude the Extropians from the official freshman mailing.

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Residence/Orientation Week Begins for MIT Class of 2001

By Zareena Hussain
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Today marks the beginning of Residence and Orientation Week for the Class of 2001. For the next nine days, freshman will explore the many living groups and activities they can choose to take part in and which may become an important part of their MIT experience.

"We hope for them to be able to see the Institute for what it's worth," said Wesley T. Chan '00, the R/O Committee logistics manager, "people come in with certain expectations, we hope to reinforce their reality or give them a new reality."

Reshma Patil '00, R/O publicity and personnel manager, said that she hoped the Class of 2001 would take the opportunity to have some fun and also get the chance meet other freshmen and upperclassmen. "As a whole, freshman will get a lot out of R/O this year," Patil said.

Freshmen demographics constant

The total number of freshman this year is 1,077, relatively steady compared with last year, said

Associate Director of Admissions for Information Services and Research Elizabeth S. Johnson.

There are minor changes in demographics "but nothing vastly different from last year's class," Johnson said.

For example, the percentage of women in the entering freshmen class decreased to 38 percent from last year's figure of 42 percent. This was because a lower percentage of women were admitted, Johnson said.

Seventeen percent of the Class of 2001 are members of underrepresented minority groups, a slight drop from last year's figure of 18 percent.

Mississippi is the lone unrepresented state in the freshman class, Johnson said.

Convocation promises enjoyment

While many events will be offered to acclimate students to the Institute, from hearing the sage words of upperclassmen to hanging out in a local Boston night club, R/O will really begin with the

President's Welcome Convocation in Kresge Auditorium.

President Charles M. Vest will introduce students to the Institute. Nobel Laureate and Professor of Physics Samuel C. C. Ting will follow, welcoming students to campus. From there freshman will participate in Contact MIT, a presentation given by Dean of Students Kip V. Hodges PhD '82 to give students a flavor of the academic offerings at MIT.

While the details of Contact MIT were not specified, Chan said that it would include a multimedia presentation and be "interactive and fun."

Project MOYA to challenge skills

After the convocation, freshman will head to Kresge Oval where they will meet for Project Move Off Your Assumptions. Students separate into their MOYA groups and participate in ice-breakers and problem-solving activities.

One addition to project MOYA this year will be 'sticks & stones,' a

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After Unauthorized Mass Mailing, Extropians Denied ASA Status

By Douglas E. Heimburger
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The MIT Extropians, a group of students advocating an end to affirmative action and new admissions policies, were banned Tuesday from petitioning the Association of Student Activities for membership until September 1, 1998.

The ASA, a student-run organization which governs student groups on campus, found the Extropians guilty of sending an unauthorized mailing to incoming freshmen after the Office of the Dean for Students and Undergraduate Education ruled

that the mailing's content was inappropriate for the general ASA freshman mailing.

In addition, the ASA found the Extropians guilty of violating the MIT policy prohibiting unauthorized use of mailing lists and student data. The Extropians were found not guilty by reason of ignorance of violating the ASA policy prohibiting non-ASA mailings to incoming freshmen.

"This unauthorized mailing is one of the most severe infractions of MIT policies by a student group in several years," wrote the board in its

decision.

"We thought the ASA trial was a farce," said co-founder of the Extropians Jason B. Davis '98 in response to the ruling. "We thought it should have never come to that. Our academic freedom of speech should not have been curtailed in the first place."

Dean's Office rejects mailing

The Extropian controversy began in mid-July when the group submitted an eight page brochure

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Dinners, Messaging Differ for R/O 2001

By Brett Altschul
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

This year's Residence and Orientation Week will see significant changes as long-standing events such as Thursday Night Dinners and Killian Kick-Off are redesigned as well as additions like Stand Up, a pilot program which discusses diversity issues. In addition, this R/O will see big changes to the freshman messaging system, and new rules for sorority rush.

Dinners change name, add scope

Thursday Night Dinners has been revamped and renamed, said Wesley T. Chan '00, R/O logistics manager. The new name, Thursday Night in the City, reflects the move away from just going to dinner, he said.

"We want people to be able to go out to Jillian's [a local 18+ Boston nightclub] and have a good time," Chan said. However, the freshmen should still be back by 10 p.m., he said.

This year, upperclassmen are not required to register with the R/O committee if they want to take groups of freshmen out, Chan said. However, the Interfraternity Council will still place restrictions on the actions of its member organizations with regard to the event.

Tech Trek out, barbeque in

There will be a very light bar-

Beginning with today's issue, *The Tech* will publish daily through the end of Residence and Orientation Week, August 29. Regular Tuesday/Friday publication resumes September 5.

beque after project Move Off Your Assumptions, for people who may not want to participate in Thursday Night in the City, Chan said.

"It will be just a burger, a hot dog, and a salad, with no dessert," Chan said. That way, people should still have room for something later, he said.

In addition, MOYA itself has changed with the removal of Tech Trek, an Institute-wide scavenger hunt that took place immediately after MOYA, and the addition of new problem solving games to challenge the creativity and skills of the incoming freshman, said Reshma Patil '00, R/O publicity and personnel manager.

Kick-Off to promote interaction

Killian Kick-Off is also seeing some changes this year. Unlike the last two years there will be no keynote speech by a student, Chan

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Nestor A. Toro '00 and Shishir S. Mehrotra '00 lead a tour of freshmen around campus yesterday afternoon.

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WORLD & NATION

U.S. Trade Deficit Shrinks for First Time in Eight Months

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The nation's foreign trade deficit narrowed in June for the first time in eight months, the government reported Wednesday, but analysts said the shrinkage was likely to be temporary and did not signal any long-term improvement in the trade picture.

Commerce Department figures showed that imports exceeded exports by only \$8.2 billion over the month, down from a revised \$9.5 billion in May, but still high by historical standards. Imports declined slightly from May levels, while exports surged to a record high.

Analysts said the better-than-expected performance was likely to push the economy's overall growth rate for the second quarter of this year above the 2.2 percent annual rate projected in preliminary estimates — possibly even sending it to a 3 percent to 4 percent pace.

Trade is one of the components that makes up the gross domestic product, the value of all goods and services that the United States produces. In the first quarter, the economy grew at a 4.9 percent annual rate — a pace policy-makers worried was too rapid to keep inflation in check.

Although the Federal Reserve Board passed up a chance to raise interest rates Tuesday, the central bank has warned that it will not hesitate to do so in the future if the economy does not slow down. The Fed is aiming for an overall growth rate of between 2 percent and 3 percent a year.

Science Educators Debate the Value Of Individual vs. Team Competitions

THE WASHINGTON POST

While their schoolmates have been at the pool, teenagers who dream of winning the Westinghouse Science Talent Search have been in laboratories or garages or basements this summer, nurturing plants, mixing chemicals or contemplating the structure of quarks. The deadline is Nov. 24, and those who enter the nation's oldest and best-known youth science competition need a head start.

Yet, in many of the country's best high schools, some have come to see such contests as a misuse of time and energy. Their message: Einstein is dead, and contests that glorify individual scientific achievement ignore the fact that science these days is mostly teamwork.

The disenchantment with the Westinghouse contest and similar science competitions reflects a growing preference in U.S. schools for activities that emphasize group rather than individual work, educators say. One major science competition sponsor, the Junior Engineering Technical Society, has reorganized its contests to test teams rather than individuals, and others are likely to follow suit.

This trend does not sit well with some education specialists. Chester Finn, a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute and a former assistant U.S. secretary of education, said Nobel Prizes still appear to be won through individual work and inspiration. Shunning individual-based science competitions also contradicts the view of many education reformers that "high-school curriculums are much too shallow, and it is better to go narrow and deep," Finn said.

Celebrities Enhance Clinton's 51st Birthday Celebration

THE WASHINGTON POST

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MASS.

A 50th birthday calls for celebrating in black tie and evening gowns with thousands of your best friends, champagne, video tributes, this-is-your-life surprise guests and, if there's time, a bit of soul searching about What It All Means. A 51st birthday, on the other hand, seems to suggest a khakis-and-blazer kind of affair, a more intimate gathering with less glamorous fare — say, a bucket of clams.

Of course, when you're the president of the United States, even an intimate clambake can still draw some boldface names, such as actors Mary Steenburgen and Ted Danson, singers Carly Simon and Jimmy Buffett and game show impresario Merv Griffin.

President Clinton celebrated his 51st birthday Tuesday night at the oceanfront Steenburgen-Danson spread in the Chilmark area of Martha's Vineyard, amid an extraordinary cloak of secrecy rarely seen in Washington for less important events such as budget negotiations.

The White House went out of its way to keep details quiet. The pool of reporters that typically follows the president anywhere he goes was brought by the house Tuesday night but was unable to identify anyone entering before being shuffled away to another location. Asked who was on the guest list, deputy White House press secretary Barry Toiv said helpfully, "Friends."

WEATHER

Rain for Rush

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Today: Rainy and very windy with heavy downpours possible. Rain tapering to showers late in the day. Chance of a thunderstorm. High 60 to 65 (16-18°C). Southeast wind 25 to 35 miles per hour. Chance of rain near 100 percent.

Tonight: Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Temperature steady in the lower 60s (16-21°C). Chance of rain 70 percent.

Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with showers likely. Possibly an afternoon thunderstorm. High 65 to 70 (18-21°C). Chance of rain 60 percent.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with showers likely. Possibly an afternoon thunderstorm. High 65 to 70 (18-21°C). Chance of rain 60 percent.

Weekend outlook: Chance of showers Saturday, fair Sunday. Lows in the 50s to 60s (10-16°C) and highs in the 70s (21-27°C).

Israel Strikes Power Lines, Guerrilla Posts in Lebanon

By Richard Boudreaux

LOS ANGELES TIMES

JERUSALEM

Israeli jets struck down power lines and fired missiles at army and guerrilla positions deep inside Lebanon on Wednesday to retaliate for a rocket bombardment of villages in northern Israel.

Officials in Jerusalem insisted the raids were carefully planned to avoid civilian bloodshed, and the known casualties were two Lebanese children hurt when the roof of their house collapsed under the bombardment.

It was Israel's first direct attack in a week of tit-for-tat exchanges that have killed at least nine Lebanese civilians and wounded dozens of people on both sides of the Israeli-Lebanese border. The area for years has been the scene of combat between Israeli troops and Syrian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas.

This week's violence prompted an emergency meeting in Lebanon on Wednesday of the five-nation military team that monitors an April 1996 cease-fire in which the two sides agreed to stop targeting civilians.

Besides the United States and France, the team represents Israel, Syria and Lebanon — the three countries involved in the conflict. U.N. officials in Lebanon said they expect the cycle of strikes and counter-strikes to subside.

That cycle began Monday, when a bomb in Lebanon killed two teen-

age children of the late commander of an Israeli-backed Lebanese militia. The militia struck back that day by shelling the Lebanese port city of Sidon, a Hezbollah stronghold, killing six civilians and wounding dozens more.

Hezbollah replied Tuesday by firing more than 40 rockets into northern Israel, destroying homes, driving thousands of villagers into bomb shelters and emptying busy resort hotels. Three civilians were wounded.

Israel's retaliation Wednesday was cautious and somewhat reluctant. According to Israeli newspapers, the defense and foreign ministers argued against an armed response, saying it could provoke more deadly exchanges and undermine last year's cease-fire agreement.

But Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, siding with cabinet hard-liners and the army, approved air strikes on three targets — a mountainous Hezbollah base at Janta near the Syrian border; a Lebanese army artillery battery between Tyre and Sidon that had reportedly sided with Hezbollah in Monday's fighting, and an electricity pylon at Jiye, 15 miles south of Beirut.

The raids reached 75 miles into Lebanon, far beyond the nine-mile strip of Lebanese borderland occupied by 1,500 Israeli soldiers since 1985.

The only target hit, judging by

reports from Lebanon, was the pylon, which brought down lines feeding hundreds of Lebanese homes and businesses, causing a blackout of several hours. It was the first such Israeli sabotage in Lebanon since April 1996.

A statement from the Israeli army said its jets caused the blackout "to make clear to the Lebanese government that it must start reining in Hezbollah."

"The message to Lebanon was this: 'If we can't have tourists, you can't have electricity,'" said David Bar-Illan, a spokesman for Netanyahu.

Timor Goksel, a U.N. official monitoring the border area, said that message set off panic in Lebanon because it revived an Israeli logic of making civilians suffer in the hope that they will turn against their government.

"It's basically the same message they heard from Israel in 1993 and 1996," he said, recalling major Israeli anti-guerrilla offensives that killed scores of civilians in southern Lebanon.

Officials in Jerusalem insisted that a new large-scale intervention is exactly what Israel is trying to avoid.

"The policy today was not to react massively and certainly not in kind," Bar-Illan said. "But if we fail to react at all, we invite another probe by Hezbollah, and another one, and that's what leads to a situation out of hand."

China's President Strengthens Position in Advance of Meeting

By Frank Langfitt

THE BALTIMORE SUN

BEIJING

In preparation for a major meeting this fall, leaders of China's Communist Party are signaling that they are prepared to speed up their capitalist-style overhaul of many failing state-owned industries.

While offering few details, President Jiang Zemin has called for "the deepening of reforms," measures that have included selling stock and merging some failing businesses with successful ones.

China's state-owned industries employ 112 million people — about one-sixth of the nation's work force — and are the largest roadblock in China's march toward a competitive, market economy. Turning them into corporate-style, for-profit enterprises could require layoffs and lead to widespread and politically dangerous labor unrest.

Economic reformers launched an unusual public attack last month against party hard-liners, who argue that wholesale changes in the state-owned industries are a betrayal of socialism.

"Since last year and the first half of this year, we can see that leftists have clashed with current policies," said party magazine editor Xing Bensi in an interview with the China Economic Times. "We cannot expect Marx to provide ready answers to questions that arise a hundred years or several hundred years after his death."

The aggressive rhetoric comes in advance of the party congress, which will be the first since the death in February of paramount leader Deng Xiaoping. During the meeting, expected to open in late September or early October, the party will outline policy and choose the men who will lead China into the next century.

Jiang, who is also the party's general secretary, will try to use the

occasion to consolidate power in his new role as first among equals in China's leadership. Analysts expect the party to endorse current economic reforms and also to call for more rapid changes in the state-owned enterprises — about half of which lost money last year.

"They feel like they are up against a wall on this, because the state enterprise system continues to hemorrhage funds," said Kenneth G. Lieberthal, a professor of political science at the University of Michigan. "I think they feel that they have to make some very tough decisions."

Although analyses of policy and leadership struggles may seem arcane, the inner workings of the Communist Party are increasingly important to the rest of the world. China sits at the center of the globe's most economically dynamic region, and instability in China could disrupt tens of billions of dollars in U.S. trade and investment throughout Asia.

With 1.2 billion people, nuclear weapons and rapid economic growth, China is also one of the few countries capable of eventually challenging the United States on the world stage. And the character of its leadership matters, as the two nations try to resolve issues as diverse as access to Chinese markets, human rights, peace on the Korean peninsula and the security of Taiwan.

Of the many personnel changes planned for this fall's congress, a replacement for Premier Li Peng is among the most important.

Li, 68, whose credentials include being the adopted son of the late Prime Minister Zhou Enlai, is best known in the West for supporting the violent crackdown on the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy movement in 1989.

Western diplomats predict that the job will go to Vice Premier Zhu

Rongji, a brusque, hard-nosed administrator who is credited with having reduced the inflation rate. Zhu, 68, a former mayor of Shanghai, is regarded as the best economic manager in the government. Analysts expect the task of continuing reform of the state-owned industries to fall to him.

"The West would be very happy with Zhu," said a Western diplomat in Beijing. The Communists "are clearly laying their claim to rule on good economic management."

Communist Party history is filled with internal struggles, and party leaders have worked hard to hide signs of factionalism. So it was all the more noticeable last month when reformers took on Marxists in the press.

Some observers saw the attack as a way to rally support for Jiang, 70, who does not have the political power of Deng and remains in the late leader's shadow.

The reformers' criticisms came in response to an anonymous document circulated by party conservatives, which compared foreign investment in China to colonization. The document also suggested that the decline in state ownership was undermining socialism and the party's grip on power.

Those concerns seem far removed from conditions in downtown Beijing, a rapidly modernizing city where young people appear enthralled by the deluge of Western products and the increased purchasing power that have come with economic reforms.

It is unclear who would publicly champion anti-reform views. The leftists have lost much of their political might as their leaders have died, retired or been shunted aside. Analysts say the leading figure on the left is Deng Liqun. Deng served as acting minister of propaganda in the mid-1980s but holds no official position.

Mir Cosmonauts Prepared to Repair Damage to Module

By Carol J. Williams
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

With deep breaths and mumbled prayers, Russian Space Agency officials Wednesday declared all systems go for a perilous spacewalk Friday from the troubled Mir space station into its damaged Spektr research module.

Two days after an unexplained computer failure sent Mir into an orbiting tumble, the glitch has been fixed, solar batteries have been recharged, oxygen is being generated and the Russian and U.S. crewmen have declared themselves ready for the dangerous repair job. Mir commander Anatoly Solovov and flight engineer Pavel Vinogradov are expected to don bulky spacesuits and helmets Friday to venture into the airless module that has been sealed off from the rest of the station since a June 25 accident.

Mir has suffered at least 10 serious accidents in the past six months, including three incidents dire

enough that they could have justified abandoning the 11-year-old complex — which was built to last five years. But because it is the world's only existing training facility for the Alpha international space station set for launch in 1999, both Russian and U.S. space officials have been pressing for every last effort to salvage Mir.

Since a manual docking practice with a cargo drone went awry eight weeks ago and punched a hole in Spektr's hull, Mir has been limping along on about half power at the best of times and with little more than the momentum of orbit in weightlessness at others.

When the cargo capsule collided with Spektr and air began leaking into the vacuum of space, the crew that was then on board Mir had to seal off the damaged module and conserve pressurization elsewhere on the space station. More than a dozen power cables carrying solar energy from batteries outside Spektr through its portal into the main

power grid had to be severed.

Friday's repair mission is aimed at replacing those cables and reconnecting the isolated solar panels so Mir can recover full power and resume normal life-support systems as well as some of the scientific experimentation that is the space station's main purpose.

Spektr was used as the ship's primary laboratory and as U.S. astronaut Michael Foale's quarters. Most of the equipment, experiments and data inside is thought to have been destroyed or damaged during the collision.

The planned five-hour spacewalk to restore the lost solar capacity is considered hazardous because the crew does not know what sharp-edged objects or substances might be floating inside the dark, cramped module. Mir also has lost power and oxygen-generating abilities several times lately, and there are fears of such an occurrence while the crewmen are tethered to the life-support systems.

Sixth Woman Testifies Against McKinney in Harassment Case

By Paul Richter
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The sixth woman to accuse the Army's top enlisted man of sexual misconduct testified Wednesday that he grabbed her around the waist as she sought to leave his hotel room, and demanded to know if she wanted to kiss him.

"Hell, no, that's the last thing I wanted to do," Sgt. 1st Class Rita Jezcala, a Florida recruiter, said she told Sgt. Major of the Army Gene C. McKinney. While McKinney stopped his approach, she said she considered his conduct "not pleasurable. It was uncomfortable, it was unwelcome, it was unprofessional."

Jezcala was testifying at the eighth week of a pretrial hearing on 22 misconduct counts against McKinney, a 29-year Army veteran. The counts could theoretically put him in jail for 57 years, although some lawyers say it is more likely that an adverse judgment could force him out of the Army with reduced benefits.

Jezcala's account followed a pattern described by most of McKinney's other accusers. They have testified that McKinney sought to win their trust through personal

and often emotional conversations, then pressured them for sex, sometimes touching them while he did.

Jezcala told how McKinney met her during a June 1996, tour of Florida in which he invited her to dinner. Two months later, on a second trip to Florida, he invited her to his personal quarters at Patrick Air Force Base, she said, and engaged her in a painful discussion of her pending divorce.

While beginning to leave, "I was grabbed from behind and pulled back," Jezcala testified. "He grabbed me by my waist." But when she tried to hold him at bay, he relented and dropped his hands.

She said a male colleague, another Florida recruiter, had warned her about the motives of McKinney, whose job as top enlisted man made him one of the Army's chief preachers against sexual harassment.

Jezcala said she believed it was important to train soldiers to be more sensitive to sexual harassment. But, she added, pointing at McKinney, "I realized I can't train Sgt. Maj. of the Army McKinney. He's up at the Pentagon. He's my superior," she said.

The day's testimony also

brought the first public tears from McKinney's wife, who has been at his side during the proceeding.

Wilhelmina McKinney cried quietly when Jezcala testified that a woman she believed to be McKinney had called her number and asked who she was.

Jezcala said she received a call identified by her "caller ID" equipment as coming from McKinney's home. The caller didn't identify herself, but asked who she was, and whether "Minnie" was there.

In cross-examination, McKinney's lawyer probed for the kind of details about Jezcala's personal life that would likely enrage feminists.

He asked what she wore to her first meeting with McKinney — a June 1996, lunch. A tank top and a sarong skirt, Jezcala told him.

"You wore a bra under your tank top?" asked Charles W. Gittins, McKinney's lawyer.

"Yes, sir, all the time, sir," Jezcala replied curtly.

The pretrial hearing may wind up next Monday with closing arguments. Army officials would then determine whether there was enough evidence against McKinney to court-martial him.

UPS Employees Return to Positions, Losses May Result in 15,000 Layoffs

By Beth Berselli and Peter Behr
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Bob Beach's normal routine was a little off Wednesday.

First the United Parcel Service driver showed up for work an hour early at the UPS warehouse in Landover, Md. Then he loaded his own truck, as the workers who usually do that weren't back on the job yet. Then the 17-year UPS veteran spent the day driving around unfamiliar Washington streets and delivering packages to unfamiliar customers, finally dragging himself home two hours after his usual quitting time.

"It's been pretty hectic," Beach admitted as raindrops pelted him and his packages.

Still, Beach was glad to join tens of thousands of other UPS drivers around the country who hit the road again on the first workday after a painful two-week Teamsters strike against the company.

In a status report to customers over its World Wide Web site and a

toll-free phone line, UPS said it was resuming regularly scheduled service Wednesday everywhere in the nation except for Chicago and parts of northern Indiana, where two Teamsters locals with separate UPS contracts remain on strike.

UPS began taking new requests Thursday for pickup Friday. UPS urged customers to use its phone or Internet services to track the delivery status of packages.

It will take until Monday to get operations back up to speed, UPS's chairman and chief executive, James Kelly, said on NBC-TV Thursday. Though the strike cost the company \$650 million, he said customers will not see higher prices any time soon.

Neither the company nor the union would estimate how many of the 185,000 UPS Teamsters were working Thursday, saying that would vary greatly by region, depending on how many pre-strike packages remain in the system.

Beach said only seven of the approximately 50 drivers at his cen-

ter were called back to work Thursday, with senior drivers getting preference.

Adam Feit, a part-time loader at the Gaithersburg, Md., facility, said he came home Tuesday night to find a distraught wife and an answering machine message from UPS telling him he had been laid off. The company manager said he would be back in touch "when work dictates."

Feit said he was "a little bit upset" and expects to return to work later this week once the package volume picks up. But UPS officials Thursday repeated a warning that up to 15,000 workers could be laid off if the company doesn't recover the 5 percent of its business lost during the strike.

"In some places we'll need half the normal work force (this week). At other places we'll be on overtime," said UPS spokesman Ken Sternad.

A backlog of 15 million packages that filled UPS warehouses has been cleared out in most parts of the country, Sternad added.

Opponents to Needle Exchange Fear Ban Might Be Lifted

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Fearing that the ban on federal funds for needle exchange programs might be lifted, opponents Wednesday warned Congress and the Clinton administration that a majority of the public is against reversing the current policy.

Needle exchange programs are "a dopey idea," said Gary L. Bauer, president of the Family Research Council, a conservative interest organization, as he held up a handful of syringes. "Congress and the Clinton administration would make a radical mistake to flirt with the idea of needle exchange programs as sound and effective policy."

But supporters of such programs held their own news conference in Washington Wednesday, saying that removing HIV-contaminated syringes from circulation and replacing them with sterile ones had proven the most effective form of AIDS prevention among drug users. "Here is a life saver — this is what will save lives," said Mohamad N. Akhter, Executive Director of the American Public Health Association, as he also held up a syringe.

Federal funding of programs providing drug users a clean needle when they turn in a used one has been banned by Congress since 1988. But Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, who has the power to lift the ban, recently said that needle exchange programs slow the spread of HIV — which some saw as an indication she may reverse the existing policy.

Twenty Charged With Smuggling And Enslaving Deaf Mexicans

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Twenty defendants were indicted Wednesday for allegedly smuggling 60 deaf and speech-impaired Mexicans into the United States and making them virtual slaves, at times beating, electrically shocking or otherwise coercing them to sell trinkets to the public.

In carrying out a four-year conspiracy of involuntary servitude, outlined by a federal grand jury in Brooklyn that issued the indictments, some participants stand accused of beating a victim who begged for a day off because of sickness, electro-shocking one for low sales, and handcuffing an attempted escapee to a bed for more than a week while he attached key chains to trinkets.

"Every case of slavery is terrible, but this one is especially appalling because of the double exploitation," Isabelle Katz Pinzler, acting assistant attorney general for civil rights, told a news conference. "The victims were targeted both because of their alien status and because of their disability."

"An enterprise that existed for the sole purpose of exploiting the labor of hearing-disabled aliens has been substantially dismantled, and its ringleaders apprehended and held to face serious criminal charges," Zachary W. Carter, U.S. attorney in Brooklyn, said.

Congressman Paints Grim Picture Of Persecution in Tibet

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

An outspoken congressional critic of China slipped into Tibet on a tourist visa earlier this month, ditched his government minders and spent four days talking to people and gauging conditions in the inaccessible Himalayan region, the lawmaker said Wednesday.

At a news conference, Rep. Frank R. Wolf, R-Va., sketched a grim picture of religious and political persecution, harsh prison conditions and an apparent campaign to flood the region with immigrants from other parts of China to make ethnic Tibetans a minority in their own homeland.

"I want the world to know what is going on in Tibet," said Wolf, the first member of Congress to visit it without being accompanied by Chinese monitors since Tibetan autonomy ended in 1959. "When people know, they will demand that China change its policy of boot-heel subjugation and end what one monk termed 'cultural genocide.'"

In substance, Wolf's charges are not new. Although the Chinese embassy in Washington issued a blanket denial of Wolf's charges, this year's State Department human rights report alludes to many of the same conditions. And exiled Tibetans have told their story at the United Nations, to Congressional committees and elsewhere. But Wolf added first-hand detail that he obtained in a way that was unorthodox, risky and illegal under Chinese law.

Edgar to Step Down After Term

THE WASHINGTON POST

CHICAGO

Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar, R, announced Wednesday that he will leave public office at the end of his term in January 1999, setting up what is likely to be a wild scramble to succeed him and a spirited Republican primary for the right to challenge Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., in the 1998 general election.

With his wife, Brenda, and their two children nearby, Edgar made the announcement at a crowded news conference in the Executive Mansion in Springfield.

"It has been a very, very difficult decision," he said. "However, after 30 years in state government, I have concluded it is time for Brenda and me to begin a new chapter in our life."

Edgar, 51, would have been favored to win reelection to a third term and was considered the GOP's strongest potential challenger to Moseley-Braun, a race that many state and national Republican leaders had urged him to make. His decision to leave politics opened opportunities for other Republicans in both of those contests. But Edgar also announced his support for two of those Republicans whose decisions on whether to run for the Senate or the governor's office hinged in part on what he decided about his own future.

Saying he was confident he could have won reelection but had always planned to serve only two terms, Edgar said, "I always thought, I want to go out on top. Some people in politics, I think, stay too long. Sometimes if you don't go out on top, they throw you out. I didn't think I was going to get thrown out."

OPINION

Welcome, Class of 2001

So now you are a full fledged member of the MIT Class of 2001. Congratulations and welcome. But by now you have probably already heard that plenty of times. Over the summer, you have been gearing up for your arrival on campus. Simultaneously, countless upperclassmen have been preparing for you. Take a moment to marvel at, and savor, the heightened excitement level on campus as the arrival of the Class of 2001 comes to fruition.

It is your ambition, talents, and outstanding intellect that have landed you here, and for that you should be exceedingly proud. Beyond your raw abilities, however, you were brought here to make positive contributions to the diverse MIT community. Decisions you make over the next week will have a lasting impact on how, and where, you make your mark.

Residence and Orientation Week is one of the most hectic times at MIT. Over the next week, a plethora of living groups as well as a slew of student activities will extend you a hearty welcome — simultaneously. Your task is to sort through the jargon, the enticing offers of food and trips, the professionally published booklets, and pick out what is right for you.

When all of this happens within a week, you do not have the benefit of countless years of conventional wisdom which upperclassmen hold, or believe they hold, about R/O. You may not realize that the Institute depends on fraternities to provide a significant portion of the housing system, thereby forcing R/O to occur before the start of the semester. You may not notice

that dormitories practicing anti-rush, while unappealing now, may contain some of the best living conditions on campus.

There is no way that anyone, either in these pages or in personal conversation, can alert you to all of the strengths and vices of MIT's rushing system. You are therefore left to jump in and sort it all out for yourself. You'll have to decide where to go when, how much time to spend there, and who to believe. You'll have to decide which situations you feel most comfortable in.

The skills you gain coping with the fast-paced decision making you're thrown into during R/O will serve you well throughout your MIT experience. Let's face it; this is an extremely fast-paced place. You will have more course options than you could possibly explore, more activities than you could possibly engage in, and more problem sets than you could possibly complete. Your task will continue to be to sort out the important from the menial, and allocate your time and energy accordingly.

Above all, remember to take advantage of your opportunities. After all, you are the commodity that all of these groups are bidding for during R/O. Let them butter you up, show you Boston, feed you lobsters. In the back of your mind, try to remember that a few hours of intense excitement doesn't necessarily indicate a place you can be happy living for an entire semester, let alone four years. But trust us, there will be plenty of time for reality and Ramen noodles come Registration Day.



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Grounds Services Aims To Water Responsibly

Regarding the column by Erik S. Balsley '96 ["Sprinkler System Inefficiently Spritzes Institute's Sidewalks," July 23]: We at the Grounds Services department in Physical Plant are very well aware of and concerned about the seriousness of the water shortage in our area.

We are also fighting an uphill battle because of this shortage. A lot of our labor in the last several weeks has been dedicated to keeping alive the thousand-plus trees and shrubs and acres of lawns we are responsible for.

Perhaps we have become overzealous at times with this task. We apologize for any inconvenience we have caused the MIT community and for any wastefulness. We have taken measures to correct the problem and are confident that it will not happen again.

If you find that you have problems in the future, or if you have any concerns about irrigation or any other grounds-related problems, you can feel free to send e-mail to plant-grounds-coaches@mit.edu.

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Extropians Take Their Cue from Bigotry

Column by Anders Hove
OPINION EDITOR

"MIT certainly lowers standards for women and 'underrepresented' minorities... The average woman at MIT is less intelligent and ambitious than the average man at MIT. The average 'underrepresented' minority at MIT is less intelligent and ambitious than the average non-'underrepresented' minority."

So say the MIT Extropians on their World Wide Web site <http://mit.edu/extropians/> and in the pamphlet that they sent out to freshmen a few weeks ago. Under the self-applied label "reasoned discourse," the Extropians' founders, Hanyoung Huang G, Jason P. Davis '98, and John R. Bender '00, are out to stir up and promote good old-fashioned white suburban prejudices.

A new group, the Extropians, gained considerable renown over the summer after they tried to include their literature in the freshman

mailing put out by the Association of Student Activities — and, later, after the secretary of the MIT Corporation decided to extract the submission from the mailing, when they surreptitiously mailed out their pamphlet to freshmen using mailing money out of their own pockets. And because Huang is a former publisher of *Counterpoint*, his appearance at the head of a prejudiced, Libertarian threesome has tarnished the image of that formerly conservative publication and caused a buzz of gossip on the fourth floor of the Student Center.

"It's absolutely racist and intolerant," said Jeremy D. Sher '99, *Counterpoint* senior advisor and former colleague of Huang. "It made me really mad. I was just absolutely floored to see these opinions presented seriously at MIT at all. It is absolutely not 'rational discourse'; it is filled with propaganda."

The idea that affirmative action reduces the quality of entrants and stigmatizes members of the groups it tries to help is by no means original to the Extropians. Its roots lie in the heart of 1960s race politics, beginning with the Chicago marches and so-called white backlash. Backlash produced the protest against "busing" (and, by exten-

ERRATUM

The story "New R/O Messaging System May Change" which appeared in the July 23 issue of *The Tech* incorrectly stated that freshmen will be permitted to receive all messages only from dormitory terminals.

Messages from fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups can only be viewed from dormitory terminals. However messages from groups that are not FSILGs, such as the R/O Center, will be available to freshmen at dormitory terminals as well as at FSILGs.

sion, all integration) and "law and order" (playing on stereotypes whites had about criminals). When these code words fell out of favor, they were replaced by the Buchananite condemnation of affirmative action and "quotas."

So what do Huang and his fellow-travelers have to do with '80s paleoconservatism? Admittedly, not much. A read through their Web site reveals that their prejudices are more the product of a geeky, high school inferiority complex than anything else. Here we read what must be autobiography, cloaked in third-person narrative:

"Oh, you are going to try to excel at everything. Be totally hard-core, get straight A's... write articles for some newspaper or magazine. You especially can't wait to meet the intense interesting people..." The authors go on to discover, shockingly, that people don't constantly stand around talking about quantum computing and the Mandelbrot set. They also decry fraternities for "their anti-intellectualism," not to mention — gasp! — foosball tables.

People here have lives? The horror. And

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R/O Is Confusing, But Ultimately, the Choices Are Yours

Column by Douglas E. Heimbarger

ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Welcome, freshmen, to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

I'm sure the last few weeks have been a nerve-racking experience; after all, you've been preparing to head off to a place that you probably don't know much more about other than the few MIT mailings you've received this summer. While high school friends are giving you their fall term addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses, you've only been able to meekly say, "Well, I don't know where I'm going to be living yet."

But that's all about to change. In the next four days, you'll determine where you will likely live for the next four years. Unlike your old friends, who have been assigned roommates through a great computer algorithm or by a group of staff assistants in some office, you're getting to choose where you want to live (or at least rank your preferences) after seeing the places.

Residence and Orientation Week is a hectic time for sure. But it's well worth it in the end, since you'll be making the call on where you want to live, who you want to live with,

and the atmosphere that you like. And it's just the first decision you'll make here at MIT, a place where you're definitely forced to make more decisions than you would be at other universities.

Consider, for example, another important part of your experience here — what you eat every day. At most other universities, freshmen are required to purchase the most expensive meal plans — under the guise that the university wants to make sure that students don't stop eating when they leave home.

Here, however, you won't be required to purchase any meal plan, at any time. If you want to go eat at McDonald's down the street every day, it won't cost you like it would elsewhere. If you want to cook yourself a gourmet meal every day, you can do that, since just about every dormitory has kitchens. Depending on what you choose, you'll find there are trade-offs involved with your time and your stomach, but you've got the decision to make yourself.

Similarly, in spite of those claims in *The Hitchhiker's Guide to R/O* that certain events over the next couple of days are mandatory, you in fact have the freedom to choose what events you want to attend. No administrator is going to come and get you if you don't show up to Project Move Off Your Assumptions, Killian Kick-Off, or the essay and math evaluation — although it might be advisable to show up to that last one.

Realize, too, that some R/O events, while not officially rush events for fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, are indeed rush events, disguised though they may be. Tonight's event, In the City (called Thursday Night Dinners until this year), is probably the most blatant example of this.

All groups attending In the City are prohibited from revealing their identity unless asked, which they obviously will be during the course of dinner. The Interfraternity Council goes so far as to limit the number of people from each fraternity as to ensure that no fraternity has an advantage at recruiting freshmen to come to dinner. The event is indeed a valuable way for fraternities to get to know freshmen; the IFC decided last year to ban two fraternities from attending the event this year because of their violations during last year's rush.

In the City is a great chance to meet upperclassmen. Still, remember that it can be used as a rush event, and treat it as such. Don't think that the upperclassmen from fraternities and independent living groups are just there to show you the town; they're also there to make their initial recruitments. Their interest in you extends beyond Thursday night and into the weekend, if you fit the profile of the member they're looking for. The same goes for Project MOYA; many of the counselors come from Greek organizations.

There's many other things that you can get done during the next week besides the mandatory and pseudo-mandatory rush events in your *Hitchhiker's Guide*. Investigate all your options on issues of housing and beyond. If you're looking for a job, for example, don't take the first job that you see. Instead, look for one that really fits in with what you want to do for the next year or beyond.

Similarly, look at all your options for everything else this week, before term starts and there isn't enough time to deal with everything. Your banking options aren't limited to the BankBoston on the first floor of the Student Center, for example. There are better — and cheaper — options available just a few minutes away.

The best advice, however, that I can probably give for this week is to listen to everything you can. I remember arriving here a year ago absolutely clueless on which professors taught especially well, which banks had the cheapest plans, where to eat off campus, and everything else. Everyone I met had their own opinions on those things, but I was eventually able to make informed decisions based upon their input.

Have a great Residence and Orientation Week. In just a few days, you too will have an address and phone number, just like your friends from high school. It'll be an ordeal to get there, but it'll be worth it in the end.

Extropians' Poorly-Made Case Won't Win Any Converts

Guest column by Jeremy H. Brown

Imagine, for a moment, that every word *The Thistle* ever wrote was absolutely true. Good. Now, imagine that every word the MIT Extropians wrote in their letter to the freshmen was absolutely true. Good. (For the sake of your mental health, don't try imagining both at once.) Now, unless you've forgotten to medicate your schizophrenia today, you probably just had at least one powerful, knee-jerk "no way!" reaction. More likely, you just had two.

And so this message is for the staff of *The Thistle*, and both members of the Extropians, and anyone else who believes they know a Truth that needs dissemination: Without Marketing, the Truth can't win converts. All your ideals, proofs, conclusive evidences, and deeply held beliefs won't convert a single soul to your way of thinking if you present them badly — and most of you present them so very, very badly indeed.

Because of space limitations, I'm going to spare *The Thistle* and simply consider the letter the Extropians sent to the freshmen. Assuming, for the moment, the absolute accuracy of its primary content, there are two things remaining that dictate the warmth of its reception: form and forum.

We can pass over the Extropian choice of

forum quickly, observing that reaching freshmen using a stolen mailing list whose acquisition ultimately gets one's group derecognized by the Association of Student Activities represents a poor way to convey a message that can inspire knee-jerk calls of misogynism, racism, and long-winded boorishness.

So let's talk about bad form instead. By "form," I am referring to the choice of phrasing, the ordering of thoughts, the quality of argument, and the overall voice of the speaker or writer. In disseminating a Truth, the following rule is critical to a successful form: The speaker must not sound like an ass.

The Extropians break this rule in at least four different ways.

One: They surround their primary Truths with obviously stupid secondary ideas. Sex on Friday nights is bad. IHFTF and SPAMIT T-shirts are signs of wounded self-esteem. Nietzsche had something intelligent to say about romance. Gentlemen, this is not your primary content. These are not the points you want to be defending; they are indefensible. They make you out to be the ignorant, frustrated, ego-wounded victims you call others.

Two: The Extropians' presentation is too long and utterly humorless. There are few and far between that can read a document that amounts to a 17,000 word complaint, unlaced

with one bit of deliberate humor, without thinking ill of those that wrote it — and without looking for unintentional humor. That's not hard to find, because of the next problem...

Three: The Extropians' presentation is pompous and laden with hubris. What would Nietzsche have to say about their romantic encounters, they ask? "What is Prime Male Meat?" Are you an Ubermensch? Are you a Promethean? "Fellow Enders... this letter was composed to five of you..." Are you a character from a science fiction novel? Have you had enough hyperbole yet?

The Extropian voice is the voice of the Elite crying out for other members of the Elite to acknowledge their greatness — and that's a voice just begging to have the chair kicked out from under it.

Four: The Extropians use poor logic to justify their primary theses, making the theses themselves look stupid. If one accuses biology of being a "gut" course of study, one should explain why math majors need take only nine courses and write no thesis. If one wishes to explain why MIT is 40 percent, or 80 percent, full of losers, one needs to explain why it is that the remaining three in five, or one in five, aren't so exceedingly successful compared to the remainder that we haven't all noticed.

If one wishes to accuse MIT's religions of

having "a chilling effect over the intellectual climate," one needs to provide at least one example. (Incidentally, if one insults the ideals of another, and then claims to worship at the ideology of Nietzsche, one wouldn't appear to have read Nietzsche very closely.)

Proof by incomplete argument, by assertion, and by anecdote, are poor techniques in any forum, and in the MIT environment, in a creed worshipping technology and rationality above all, they are particularly ill-applied.

Now, all that said, I'm sure that the Extropians and *The Thistle* and the others all can point to the myriad of people who have come to them and said "Yes! Your ideas are right!" But all they've really done is to find their choirs; you can preach in any voice to the already-converted, and they'll nod their heads and mumble along with you.

The hard part of disseminating the Truth is convincing the uninitiated; for that your message form has to be calm, polite, to the point, modest, unpretentious, and non-threatening. A long-winded, pompous, humorless message will die almost as fast... as one that objects to sex on Friday nights.

Jeremy H. Brown, MIT undergraduate class of '94, got his master of engineering degree in 1995 and is currently working on his doctorate in computer science.

Extropians Err on Women

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worse: All this anti-intellectualism is caused by affirmative action. Although the authors admit that "not all women or all 'underrepresented' minorities are unqualified," they note that women comprise the majority of "architecture, biology, management, or brain and cognitive sciences, obviously the less rigorous majors." Proof positive, by Extropian standards.

But the authors reveal a far better ruler for judging women on campus: "Ask upperclasswomen, better yet ask a sorority, how often a group of women will sit down on the weekend to discuss what Bell's Theorem and the Aspect Experiment imply for a hidden variables interpretation of quantum mechanics... Such women are so rare here that these scenarios never happen. (What some men would do for intellectual women who are serious about living the exalted life.)"

While I leave the reader to imagine what the real motivation for such sentiments might be, I'm going to suggest it isn't reasoned discourse.

And what about this "rational discourse"? For some reason, that phrase is often associated with Libertarianism — and the Extropians are Libertarians, judging from the Ayn Rand promotion smeared across their site. Yet the Extropians' professed worship of the word "rational" falls flat when their outrageous assertions go wholly unsupported by fact.

In an effort to find the facts about affirmative action in admissions, I talked to Marilee Jones, MIT's interim director of admissions:

"I would just say that all the students

coming in have about the same preparation. Which happens to be extraordinary," Jones said.

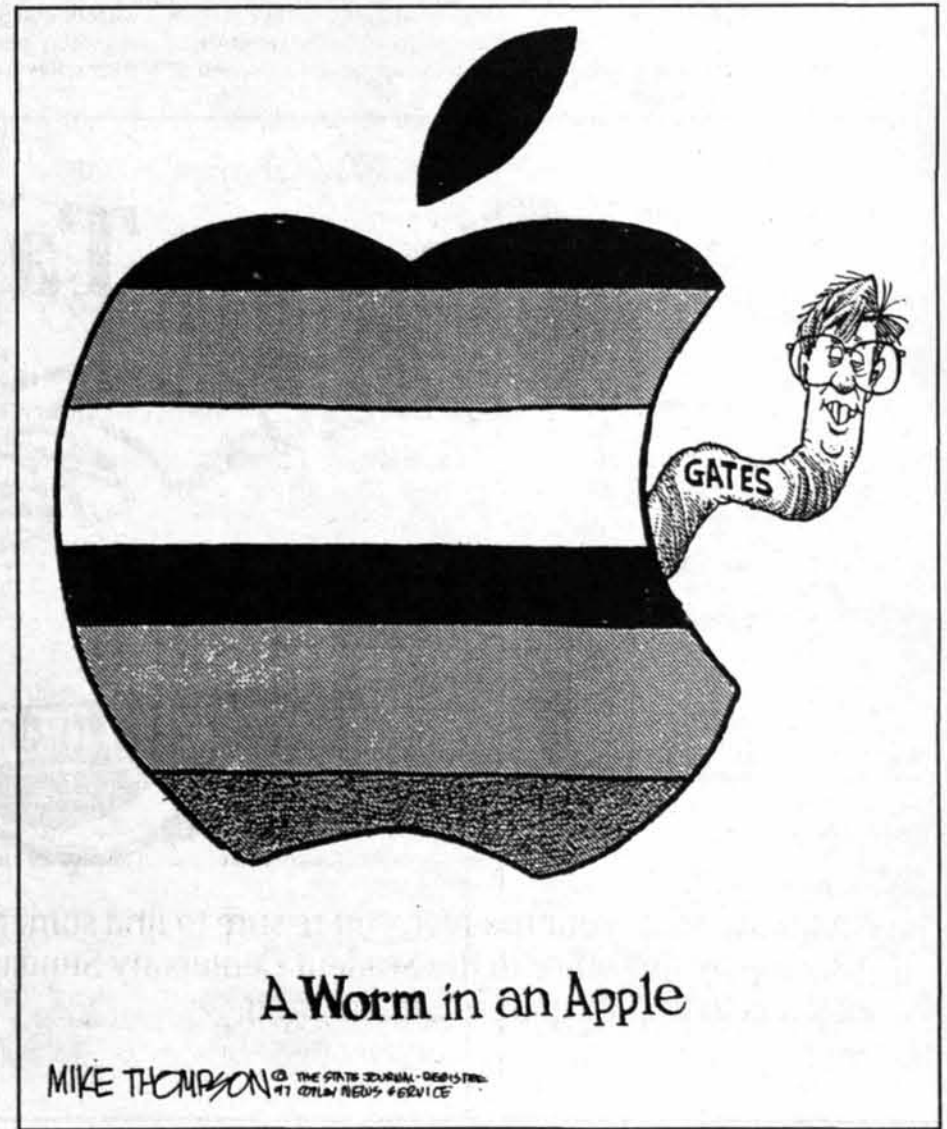
"The only difference that you see in the different groups would be in the test scores," Jones said "That's a phenomenon that's not well understood."

The college board, which has studied test score patterns in detail, has concluded that score differences between groups is not related to the actual knowledge or preparation of the groups in question. The differences appear to be caused by an external factor, perhaps related to the phrasing of questions. The college board has also determined that the score anomaly has no bearing on the groups' future performance in college. "The college board tells us not to use it in the same way," Jones said.

Indeed, Jones added, the board scores of underrepresented minorities at MIT are higher than the mean scores for all students attending the top 40 schools. Because of this, Jones doubts anyone could reasonably draw any conclusions about differences in qualifications.

"It does seem to me that the Extropians are using perception instead of fact," Jones said. "They're obviously working off some pre-conceived perception."

So the fact is that all the available evidence indicates that women and underrepresented minorities admitted by MIT are every bit as qualified as everyone else. So why don't they hang out with Huang, Davis, and Bender, raving about Bell's Theorem and *The Fountainhead*? Then again, would you want to hang around a clique of bigoted geeks?



Local Banks Offer Students a Variety of Packages

By Shang-Lin Chuang
CHAIRMAN

Choosing a bank is usually one of the first priorities of incoming students. In gathering banking information, applicants should consider several elements of bank packages including monthly fees, interest rates, convenience, service, and the ability to add features such as overdraft protection and bank credit cards.

Students under the age of 19 are eligible to have a checking account free of most service charges in accordance with the Massachusetts 18/65 law. While some students may find a good deal while they are under 19, they should keep in mind any charges they will incur later.

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

A bank account can be a way to learn financial independence and build a good credit rating. While some students may be more interested in skipping the basics and investing their money in stocks or money market accounts, this article will cover the basic checking and saving packages at six banks in the MIT area. For a map of where the banks are located and when the banks will have representatives in the Student Center, refer to the guide to banking published by the Undergraduate Association, which can be picked up at The Source on the first floor of the Student Center.

BankBoston

BankBoston, formed in May, 1997, when Bank of Boston and BayBank merged, emphasizes its Student Value Checking package which allows customers to write eight checks per month and have unlimited ATM transactions without charge. There is an additional \$0.75 fee for each additional check, a \$6 monthly charge, and no minimum balance for both the checking and companion saving accounts.

The bank offers a debit card, 24-hour phone banking, overdraft protection of \$300, and an opportunity to obtain a credit card at no extra charge. Each out-of-network ATM transaction costs \$2. The bank offers a home banking program that is free for the first three months and costs \$3.50 a month after that for the ability to pay bills; all other services are free.

The closest BankBoston branch

is located in the Student Center.

Cambridge Trust Company

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

The bank offers unlimited Point of Sale transactions, which act like a debit card and can be used in supermarkets and gas stations.

The Statement Savings Account requires a minimum balance of \$200, and assesses a \$2 monthly fee if the minimum balance is not kept.

Students can also choose the Personal Checking account which has a minimum balance of \$500, that has no monthly fee and no limit on the number of checks written each month. The bank will charge \$5 monthly and \$0.35 per transaction if the minimum balance is not maintained. This package also offers unlimited Point of Sale and ATM transactions but does not offer free checks.

The nearest Cambridge Trust Company branch and ATM are located in Kendall Square.

East Cambridge Savings Bank

East Cambridge Savings Bank offers a Student Banking Package that allows nine free checks and unlimited ATM transactions for \$3 a month. The bank allows six free out-of-network ATM transactions per month, and charges \$0.75 for each additional check after nine or each addition foreign ATM transaction after six.

Customers can also apply for a credit card with no annual fee.

The monthly fee will be waived for customers under the age of 19.

The closest branch is located at

Local Banking Packages

	BankBoston	Cambridge Trust	East Camb. Savings	Fleet	U.S. Trust	Wainwright
Checking Minimum Balance	none	none	none	none	none	none
Monthly Fee	\$6	none	\$3	\$10	none	\$3
Checks Drawn w/o Charge	8	8	9	unlimited	unlimited	none
Cost of Additional Checks	\$0.75	\$3	\$0.75	none	none	\$0.25
Free Off-Network ATM Uses	none	none	six	none	unlimited	five
Cost of Off-Network ATM Use	\$2	\$1	\$0.75	\$1.50	none	N/A

SOURCE: RESPECTIVE BANKS

Inman Square on 1310 Cambridge Street.

Fleet Bank

Fleet recommends its Flat Fee Checking Account which allows students unlimited check writing and ATM transactions with no minimum balance. Non-network ATM transactions will cost \$1.50. There is a \$10 monthly fee which can be reduced to \$8 with direct deposit for customers of all ages.

If customers link their Regular Savings Account with their Flat Fee Checking Account, the monthly fee will be waived. Otherwise, customers have to pay \$4 each month if the minimum balance of \$500 is not kept.

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

U.S. Trust

U.S. Trust offers checking and savings accounts with no minimum balance and no monthly service charge. There is no limit on the number of free Point of Sale and ATM transactions, including those made at other banks.

Customers can apply for varied amounts of overdraft protection with a \$12 annual fee. Customers can use phone banking 24 hours a day, but there is no electronic home banking.

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

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

The bank also offers a debit card without charge, which can be used at grocery stores, gas stations, and other stores and restaurants.

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

Wainwright Bank & Trust Co.

With a \$500 minimum balance or direct deposit, customers can write an unlimited number of checks for no monthly fee at Wainwright Bank & Trust Company. Otherwise, there is a charge of \$3 per month, and \$0.25

per check.

There is no limitation on ATM transactions, and there is no charge for the first five transactions at other banks' ATM machines.

The Statement Savings Account waives its \$2.50 monthly fee if the minimum balance of \$250 is kept.

The bank offers 24-hour telephone banking, a debit card, and overdraft protection at no fee.

The nearest branch is located in Kendall Square at One Broadway. Its hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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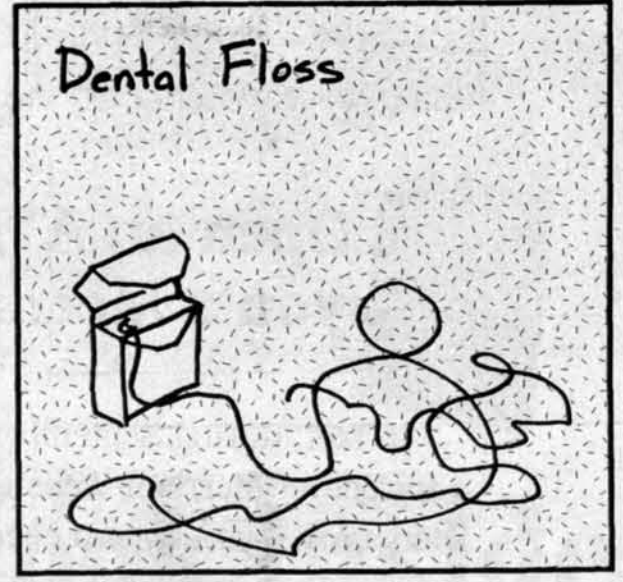
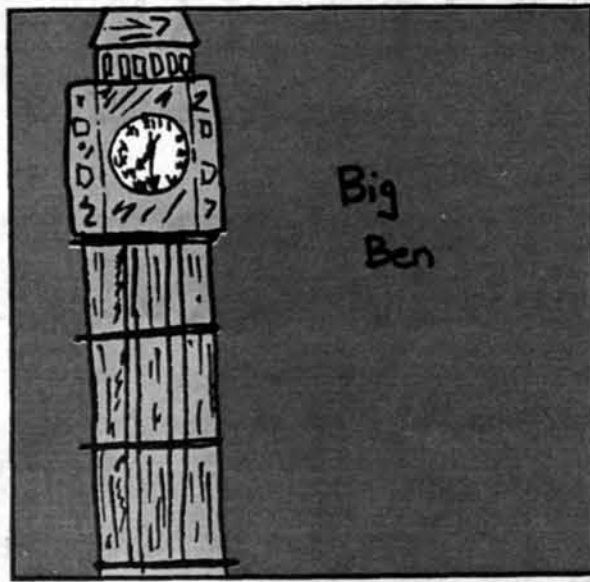
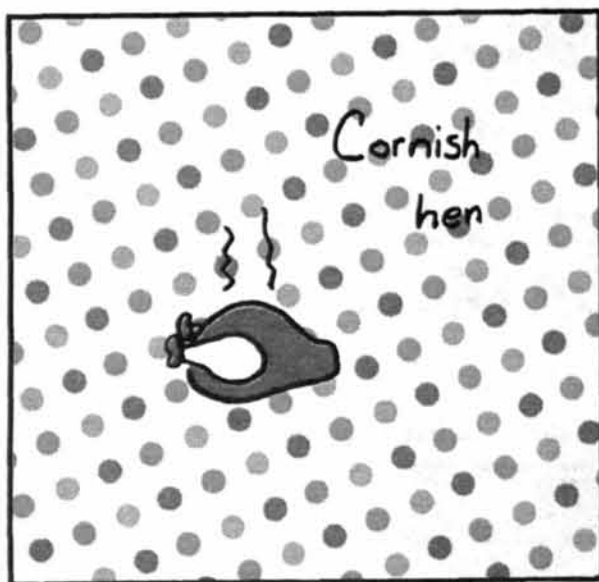
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RHINO MAN

Recap (First printed 4/11/97)

by Zachary Emig

THE STORY SO FAR: Prof. Atama, agent in the Japanese covert intelligence group known only as "Sector 9", finds out from a fellow operative, Rhino-Man, that their old enemy Dr. Sasori is rebuilding one of his most devastating robotic creations ever: Kaibatsu 5. They rush to Sasori's hideout, but arrive too late: The 50 foot mechanical monster is complete. It turns its flame-thrower on Rhino-Man, but to little effect. By wedging his body into Kaibatsu 5's firing apparatus, Rhino-Man causes the robot to explode when it tries to fire again. This victory has a price: Rhino-Man's skin is charred black and Dr. Sasori is crushed by falling debris.



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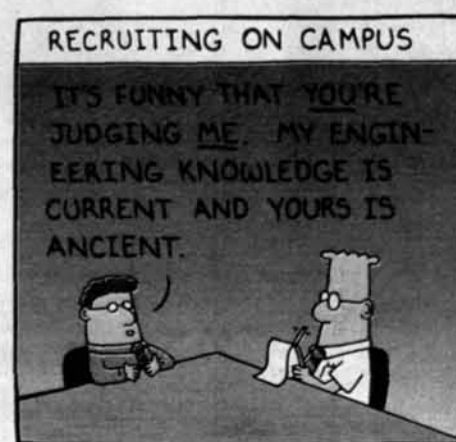
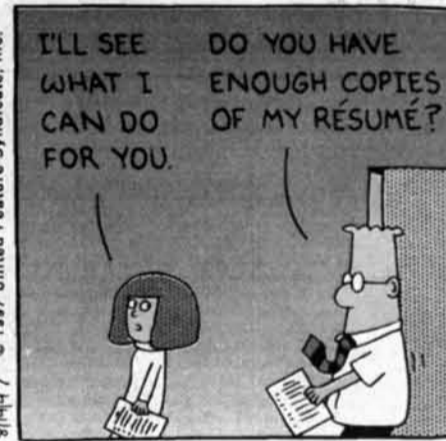
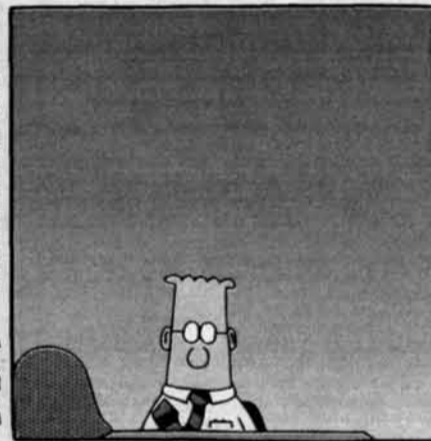
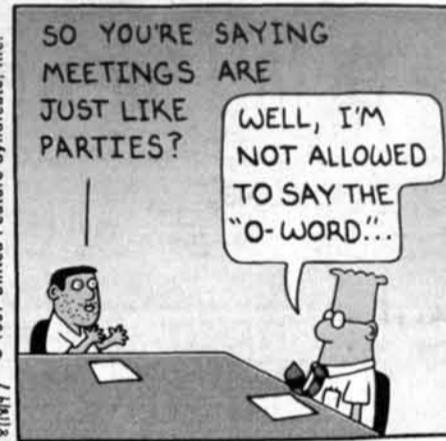
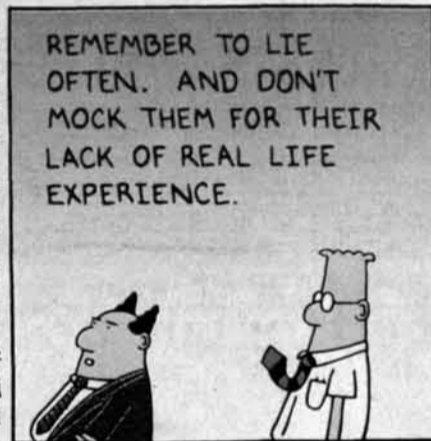
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The following incidents were reported to the MIT Campus Police between July 22 and August 14:

July 22: Bldg. 68, cash stolen, \$150; Bldg. 54, employee reported a suspicious person in offices of building 54, after a short pursuit by MIT Campus Police Officers, Atiba Robinson of 12 Howland St., Boston was placed under arrest for receiving stolen property and other related charges; Bldg. NE43, wallet stolen, \$80; Student Center, Richard Piscariello of 111 Arlington St., Boston, arrested for disorderly conduct and other related charges; Steinbrenner Stadium, wallet and watch stolen, \$500.
July 23: Sailing Pavilion, wallet stolen \$30; Bldg. 10, radio stolen \$60; New House, annoying phone calls.
July 24: Bldg. E38, annoying phone calls.
July 25: Alpha Tau Omega, disturbance; Bldg. 14, bike stolen, \$450; Bldg. E51, suspicious activity; Bldg. 26, venetian blinds stolen, \$4,000; Alumni Pool, cash stolen, \$50.
July 27: Student Ctr. bike rack, 1) bike

tire stolen later recovered; 2) bike stolen, \$170; Bldg. W11, rear bike tire stolen, \$70; Bldg. E15, rear bike tire stolen, \$100; Walker, bike seat stolen, \$26.
July 29: Student Ctr., 1) bike stolen, \$500; 2) front bike tire stolen, \$50; New House, jewelry stolen, \$1,900; Bldg. E52, unauthorized use of telephone.
July 30: Bldg. NW12, suspicious activity; Bldg. 9, harassing e-mail; assist other police agencies at a motor vehicle accident Mass. Ave. and Memorial Drive; Bldg. E15, rear bike tire stolen, \$100; Tang Hall, malicious damage; Senior House, two signs stolen, later recovered.
July 31: East Campus, suspicious activity; Bldg. 20, malicious damage; Bexley Hall, camera stolen, \$100; Burton, cash stolen, \$380; N10 parking lot, vehicle damaged; Bldg. 56, suspicious person.
Aug. 1: Bldg. N52, graffiti; E25, graffiti; Bldg. E52, laptop stolen, \$2,300; Bldg. 14, vending machine broken into; Bldg. NW62, malicious damage.

Aug. 2: Baker House, annoying phone call; Bldg. 14, 1) annoying mail; 2) malicious damage.
Aug. 4: Bldg. 18, area broken into and six bottles of beer stolen; Bldg. E18, aluminum foil stolen, \$45; Bldg. E25, harassing e-mail.
Aug. 5: Bldg. E17, suspicious activity; Bldg. 66, 1) malicious damage; 2) sweatshirt stolen, \$25; Alumni Pool, cash and credit card stolen from wallet, \$250; Theta Delta Chi, CD Player stolen, \$60; Student Ctr., bike stolen, \$150.
Aug. 6: MacGregor, 1) suspicious person; 2) bicycle stolen, \$270, later recovered; Baker, attempted larceny of bicycle; Bldg. 56, cash stolen, \$137; Bldg. 36, 1) pocket-book stolen \$80; 2) past larceny of \$40 from wallet; 3) past larceny of \$40 from wallet; 4) past larceny of \$50 cash.
Aug. 7: Bldg. W59, suspicious activity; Briggs Field, baseball glove stolen, \$80; Bldg. E23, harassing phone calls.
Aug. 8: Bldg. 6, computer stolen,

\$3,000; Bldg. 7, suspicious person.
Aug. 10: New House, annoying phone calls; Senior House, noise complaint; Bldg. 35, attempt to break into vending machines; Bldg. 24, attempt to break into vending machines; Alpha Delta Phi, motorcycle stolen; Bldg. 7, suitcase stolen, \$100.
Aug. 11: Bldg. E19, annoying phone call; MacGregor, watch and cash stolen, \$225; Bldg. 20, vending machines broken into; Bldg. NW22, hit and run damage to vehicle.
Aug. 12: Alumni pool, cash stolen from wallet, \$42; Bldg. 13, bike stolen, \$200; assist other police agency, Mass. Ave and Vassar St., motor vehicle and bicyclist accident; Ashdown, two VCRs stolen, \$320; Bldg. N52, tools stolen, \$770.
Aug. 13: Rockwell cage, cash and credit card stolen, \$50; Bldg. 6, computer stolen, \$3,250.
Aug. 14: Baker, harassing phone calls; Walker, suspicious person; Bldg. 56 bike rack, suspicious persons.

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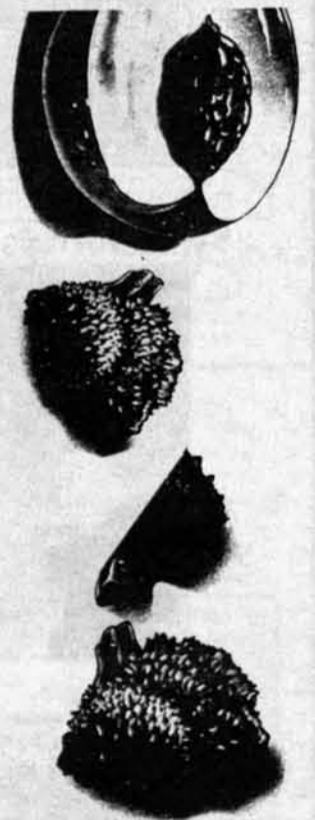
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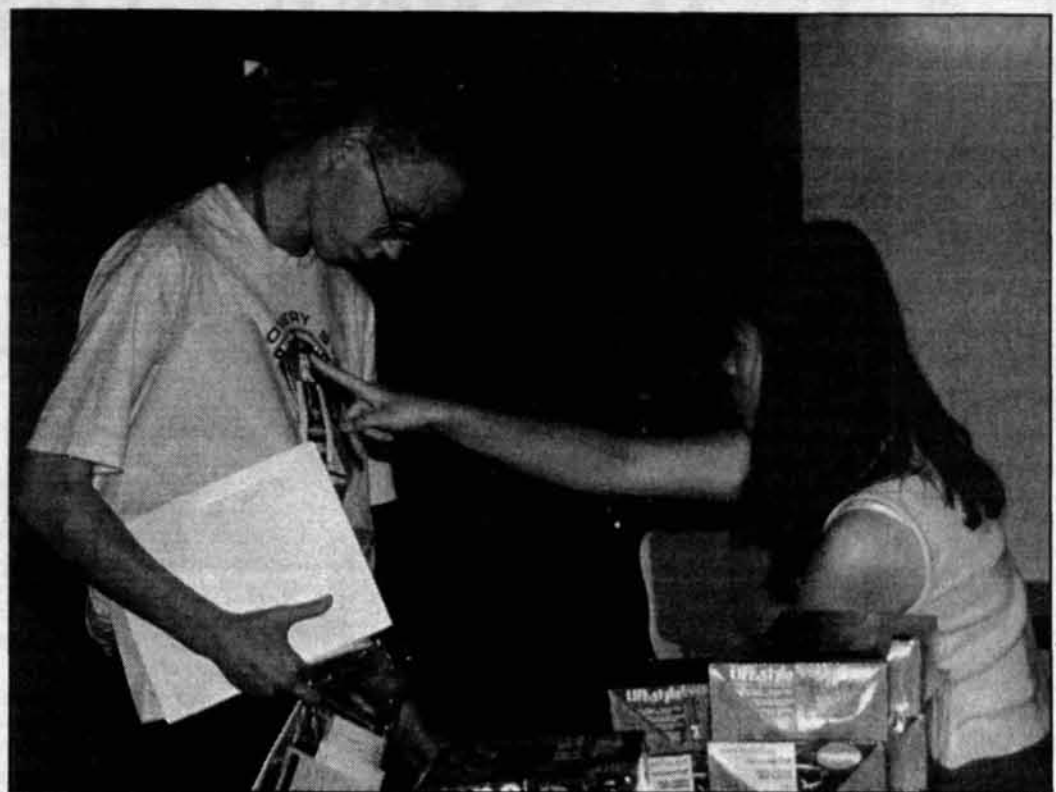


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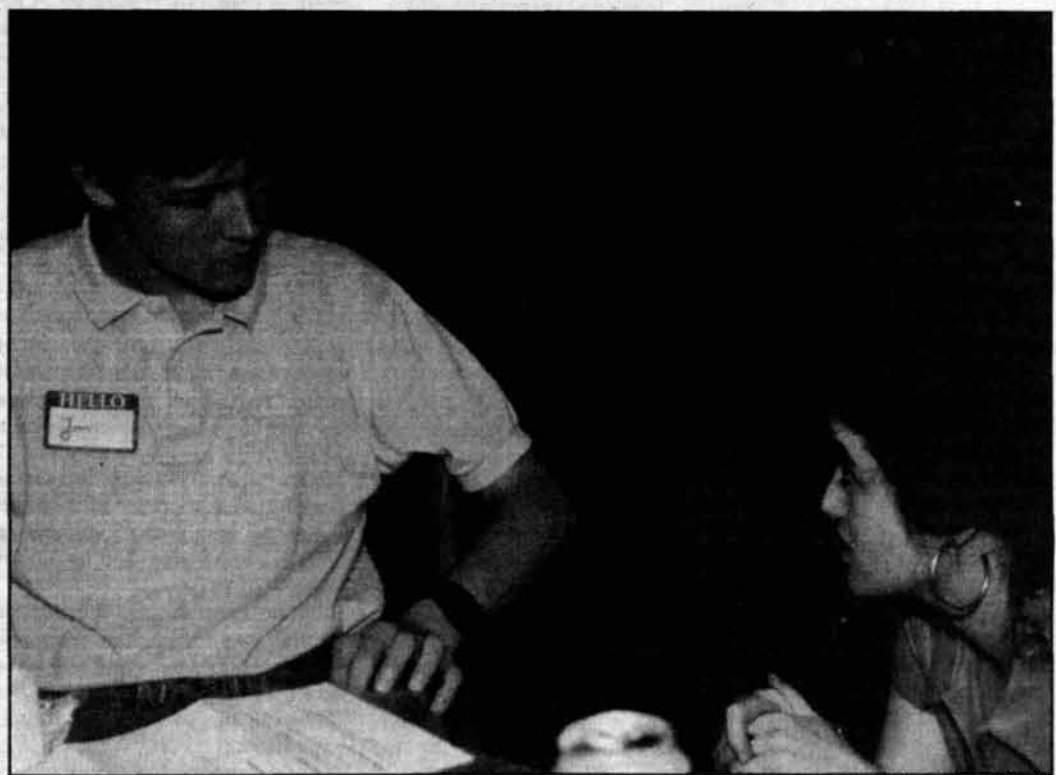


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Buggert Johann '01 collects his freshman package and some advice from Kaechy Chen '00 at the R/O Center.

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Renee Hoffman (right), assistant to the associate director of the Educational Studies Group talks to Jan Meyer '01 at the program's open house yesterday.

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In the City Replaces Thursday Dinners

R/O Begins, from Page 1

contest which challenges students to build the tallest free-standing structure that can support a tennis ball, Patil said. The structure is to be built using chopsticks.

Following MOYA, freshmen will sit down for dinner with their future classmates at the freshman barbeque. The event is intended to "provide a little downtime after MOYA," Patil said. Students will stick with their MOYA groups during the barbeque, she said. It will be the first time during R/O that all the freshmen will get to eat and interact in one place.

In the City replaces dinners

After the barbeque freshmen will be offered the chance to venture into Boston and Cambridge during the event called Thursday Night in the City, which was formerly known as Thursday Night Dinners.

In the City gives freshmen the opportunity to meet with upperclassmen while exploring Boston. "It includes the same concept as last year with a bigger choice of what to do," Patil said. Students are not restricted to dining at area restaurants. They can do everything from exploring Boston to going bowling, Patil said.

Last year, 300-400 freshmen did not attend Thursday Night Dinners, Patil said. "A lot of freshmen who didn't go to Thursday Night Dinners

didn't go because they might have hesitated to go into the city with a bunch of strangers," Patil said. The Freshman Barbeque is intended to address this problem, feeding freshmen who might be apprehensive about participating as well as opening up a bigger slew of things people can do, Patil said.

Concluding the list of scheduled activities for the first day of R/O will be MIT Unplugged, where freshmen can cool off in Kresge Oval while watching *Clueless*.

On Friday, students will prepare for the beginning of rush by attending Killian Kick-Off.

"It should be spectacular and something the freshmen really enjoy," Patil said. "This is the first time it is a student-run activity," Patil said. "It is more geared for incoming students," she added.

Many more activities offered

For those who might not participate in rush, there will be many non-rush activities to occupy a restless freshman's time. There are "tons of events and tours," Patil said. "We would hope more, but between 10 and 15 [students per tour] would be a great number," Patil said.

In addition, a new activity, Stand Up, a program that addresses issues of diversity, has been included in R/O Week. "It is intended to basically open the minds of the freshman," Patil said, "to see how they think and how other people think."

R/O Brings Computer Messaging, Changes to Sorority Rush Rules

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said. The Kick-Off is supposed to be more of a fun event this year where people can enjoy themselves and eat ice cream, he said.

"We want them to mingle," Chan said. "We want them to enjoy themselves for the first 25 minutes," he said.

There will also be upperclassmen present for them to talk to, Chan said. However, there will be no organized student groups there except for the solar car team, he said.

The final portion of the event will remain unchanged from last year. "The last 15 minutes is the same," Chan said. Speakers from the three living group options, dormitories, fraternities, and independent living groups, will present those options to the students.

Messaging system revamped

The new freshman messaging system will also improve R/O, said Kyle A. Jamieson '00, a member of the R/O committee in charge of the system.

This computerized system will replace the old system for sending messages to freshmen. Last year fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups would send notes to

the R/O Center which would relay them to the dormitories in which freshmen were housed. The change was made to ease the load on desk workers who used to be responsible for transcribing the messages, said Jamieson.

The system has special features for processing information sent by FSILGs. We don't want the system abused, but we do want to help them with rush, Chan said.

Messages sent by FSILGs will be expunged from the system after a set period of time. FSILGs are also limited in the number of messages they can send to freshmen, Jamieson said. This was added to prevent groups from sending out many messages, or spamming, he said.

One new event this year, Stand Up, is a test of a possible replacement for MOYA, Chan said. This year will test its feasibility.

The event is designed to explore the similarities and differences in the freshmen class. A group of students approached the R/O committee with this idea, Chan said. They felt that MOYA wasn't really fulfilling its mission, and they wanted to try something different.

Sorority rush undergoes changes

Sorority rush will also see major

changes this year, said Joanna F. Au '98, vice president of rush for the Panhellenic Association.

This year, sorority members will be allowed to answer direct questions from freshmen. Previously, they were not allowed to speak to freshmen outside their sorority's designated rush room.

"If they ask what sorority you're from, you can tell them," Au said. However, if they ask too many questions, we're supposed to direct them to explore the sorority rush process, Au said. "We're not allowed to rush them outside the rush rooms."

The new rules are a pilot project, Au said. It will require a three-fourths vote of Panhellenic Association to add it to the rules permanently next year, she said.

This year all organizations in the women's conference, which includes all groups that rush women, will be allowed to wear identifying markings, such as sorority letters, before Killian Kick-Off and outside sorority rush rooms, Au said.

"There is an exception," Au said. Sorority members working at official R/O events before Killian Kick-off can't wear their letters, she said.

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12. Exclamation
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15. Void
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18. Hearing sensation
20. Barely makes out
21. Preposition
22. Prior time (prefix)
23. Oak
27. Presidential nickname
29. Bleat
30. African antelope
31. Us
32. Feline
33. Recumbant position
34. Southern state (abbr.)
35. Tart fruit
37. Even
38. Sports arena (informal)
39. Hide away
40. Atomic Energy Commission (abbr.)
41. S. Atlantic state (abbr.)
42. Angel's headpiece
44. Punctuation mark
47. Local government
51. Egg
52. Secondhand
53. Aquatic plant (sing.)
54. Cloth scrap
55. Period of time
56. Saw (past tense)
57. Elevated railways

DOWN

1. Without
2. Midwest state
3. Military gesture
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5. A Gershwin
6. Takes photographs
7. Similar
8. Animal like
9. Sup
10. Direction (abbr.)
11. Standard (abbr.)
17. Direction (abbr.)
19. Negative
22. Light tap
24. Egyptian sun god
25. Desire for another's possessions
26. Dutch cheese
27. Pointed tools
28. Red vegetable
29. Prohibit
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32. Leather made from cow
33. Secretion for making shellac
36. Midwest state (abbr.)
37. Human beings
38. In great numbers (informal)
40. Assumed name
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Internet Hoax Causes Confusion About MIT Speaker

By Dalie Jimenez

"Wear Sunscreen."

Thus began what, in the minds of thousands of Internet users worldwide, was the MIT 1997 commencement speech by renowned author Kurt Vonnegut.

The words, however, were actually from a June 1 article in the *Chicago Tribune* by Mary Schmich. The June 6 MIT Commencement speech was actually given by United Nations Secretary General Kofi A. Annan SM '72 and began somewhat less memorably with an introduction including the phrase "there is only one MIT."

That seemed to be largely irrelevant, however. The Schmich words touched off what is perhaps one of the most discussed e-mail chain letters in recent history.

Schmich's article was sent throughout cyberspace as the words

of Kurt Vonnegut, allegedly the Institute's Commencement speaker.

Schmich, who, in the *Tribune*, recalls writing the speech "while high on coffee and M&M's" is amazed at the amount of attention she has received. "E-mail has poured in from around the world — Japan, the Philippines, Israel and the Netherlands," she said.

Vonnegut was surprised and a little unhappy, said *The Washington Post* in a recent story. The author of a dozen books doesn't generally expect to be falsely accused of writing something, it added.

Even his wife, photographer Jill Krementz, said in the *Tribune* that she received the e-mail and forwarded it to several friends before she asked her husband when he had spoken at MIT. The answer, of course, was that he hadn't.

As any e-mail user knows, jokes spread like wild-fire on the Internet.

Schmich's column had the additional advantage of being funny.

Meanwhile, *Wired* magazine ran part of the article as its Quote of the Day, *The NBC Nightly News* sent a camera crew to check it out, *Nightline* sent a car, and ABC wanted to send a crew out to Vonnegut's summer house in the Hamptons.

The News Office has received over 30 inquiries on the subject over the last three weeks, said Mary Ann Hanson, a staff member in the office.

One of the phone calls came from Schmich, amazed by the varied responses she has gotten.

Several e-mails suggested Schmich did not exist while others thought she was a character in Kurt Vonnegut's new novel. Yet a third called her a "cyberhoax."

In the *Post*, both Vonnegut and Schmich expressed their amazement at the rapidity with which untruths can spread with the Internet, adding



Kurt Vonnegut

that the medium has no verification mechanisms and that everything is taken at face value unless there is a



U.N. Secretary General Kofi A. Annan SM '72

reason to doubt. It's no wonder that they're both calling the Internet "spooky."

Extropians Send Freshman Mailing Despite Initial Ruling

Extropians, from Page 1

for inclusion in the ASA activity information packet sent to incoming freshman in mid-July.

The ASA is overseen by ODSUE, which reviews the brochures from student groups for appropriateness before sending them out. Former Associate Dean for Residence and Campus Activities Margaret A. Jablonski "pulled this one out and said she thought it wasn't appropriate," said ASA President Russell S. Light '98.

In addition, the ASA initially believed that it would block the mailing because the group was not fully recognized as a student group, Light said.

"Later on... it seemed that it was possible that their lack of recognition was a clerical error on our part," he said.

However, further investigation discovered that they were not ASA-recognized, Light said. The Extropians disagreed. "We had been an ASA group before... we were at last year's [Activities] Midway," Davis said.

The ASA decided to recommend that the Extropians be included in the mailing because there was still a dispute about the status of their membership, Light said.

The Dean's Office, however, continued to have problems with the mailing. "I took it out for [Dean for Student Life] Margaret R. Bates to look at, and then after some discussion it eventually went to [Secretary of the Corporation and Executive Assistant to the President] Kathryn Willmore's office and she... made the decision to exclude them from the mailing," Light said.

Extropians advocate new policies

On their World Wide Web page, the Extropians describe themselves as "a force for increasing order, spontaneous organization, and life."

The Extropian's presentation of their views on affirmative action concerned members of the Dean's Office, prompting debate over their inclusion in the mailing, Bates said.

"The concern was, in effect, they were getting into a series of issues that were perfectly appropriate for discussion in other venues but did not seem appropriate for a freshman mailing," Bates said.

Included in the mailing was a section entitled "Affirmative Action at MIT: The Big Coverup," which explained the view that affirmative action has diluted the intellectual atmosphere at MIT.

"There's a lively debate nationwide on affirmative action; these are very legitimate issues," Willmore said.

Yet the mailing was inappropriate to send to incoming freshmen because "it was sending a message to the incoming students saying 'We don't think you belong here,'" Willmore said.

There were also questions about including the views in an official Institute mailing, Willmore said.

The final decision to exclude the Extropians was made by a group of individuals including Willmore and Bates.

"Essentially, there were four of us who looked at it that evening, and we talked through it and came to the conclusion" that it should not be sent, Bates said.

Extropians proceed despite ruling

After the ASA mailing was sent to incoming freshmen without the Extropian pamphlet, the Extropians decided to separately send their brochure, now extended to sixteen pages, to the incoming freshman.

"It's an act of civil disobedience against an unjust censorship," Davis said. "We thought our only recourse was to mail it independently."

To obtain the list of incoming freshman, the Extropians approached a member or members of fraternities, sororities and independent living groups, Davis said.

At the ASA hearing Monday, Davis said that getting the lists was easy. "We approached them, told them our situation and several people said they would be glad to give them to us."

"The FSILG members who gave the lists to the Extropians were not told what the list would be used for. I just said I wanted to do a mailing for a group that had missed the ASA deadline" said Han Y. Huang G, co-founder of the Extropians.

ASA holds disciplinary hearing

In mid-August, rumors surfaced that the Extropians had sent out their mailing to freshman. The Extropians confirmed the rumors through a posting on their World Wide Web site.

When the Dean's Office discovered that the mailing had been sent out without permission, the Office asked the ASA to hold a disciplinary hearing against the group for violating ASA and Institute policies, Light said.

At the disciplinary hearing held Monday night, the Extropians vehemently denied having broken any of the Institute's procedures or ASA rules. "We did not obtain our labels from the Registrar's Office" where a prohibition exists on the use of mailing labels for outside use and as a result the restrictions on the mailing do not apply to the Extropians, a rebuttal brief provided by Davis said.

The Extropians also felt that the mailing was for Institute purposes, Davis said, thus making it allowable under the Registrar's Office policies covering the privacy of student information.

In response to the charge of violating the ASA policy prohibiting mailings other than the general ASA mailing, the Extropians argued that since the policy could not be found in writing, groups could not be punished for violating it, Davis wrote in the brief.

On Tuesday, the ASA found that the Extropians violated three out of the four policies that it was accused of violating.

"The Extropians were aware that Dean's Office approval was required for the ASA mailing... any group seeking to legitimately send the mailing in good faith would have at least inquired about whether it was subject to Dean's Office approval," wrote the ASA Executive Board in its decision.

Extropians plan to continue

The Extropians plan to continue their activities despite the setback caused by the failure to gain ASA recognition, Davis said.

Because they are not recognized by ASA, the Extropians cannot gain office space, a locker on the Athena computing system, poster space, or the use of the MIT name.

"We intend to respond to all freshmen [interested in the Extropians] and attempt to meet with them," Davis said.

In the end, the Extropians feel that they were singled out for extra scrutiny, Davis said. "It's an act of political censorship."

The Tech has made the full text of the ASA Executive Board's decision, the Extropians' prepared brief on the matter, and their public statement available on the World Wide Web at <<http://the-tech.mit.edu/Bulletins/extropians.htm>>.

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International R/O Boasts Many Events

By Stacey E. Blau
OPINION EDITOR

Most freshmen arrive today for Residence and Orientation Week, but over 80 students from countries around the world have been getting their introduction to MIT since the start of International R/O at the beginning of the week.

International students, representing about 50 countries, arrived late last week and over the weekend to settle in and participate in introductory events starting Monday. These events included a banking presentation by U.S. Trust and a welcoming lunch with faculty members.

International students have gotten a taste of MIT and local life through tours of MIT, jaunts off campus to explore Cambridge and Boston restaurants, and social events like Monday's International Night '97 and last night's Chococious Ice Cream Mixer.

Events help acclimate students

International students comprise only about eight percent of incoming freshmen. "It's easier to meet people when you're in a group of 80 rather than a group of 1,000," said Joanna Maldonado-Saldiva '00, an International R/O coordinator.

The point of International R/O is "to give students a sense of security" before real R/O and its concomitant pressures begin, she said.

Some of the new international freshmen experience culture shock and homesickness when they get to

MIT, said Simon Tisminezky '00, another International R/O coordinator. The activities at International R/O "help them ease into American society."

The new students also get an introduction to the new country they will be living in for the next four years, learning things that "American students don't have to deal with," Tisminezky said.

Much of the focus of International R/O activities is social, since one of the main purposes the program is "to create a bond among international freshmen each year," Maldonado-Saldiva said.

Rush may get complicated and hectic, but international students still will have "a first impression of a really close group," she said.

"I didn't think there were so many activities for international students," said Antonio Copete '01, who is from Colombia. "I thought when I got here that we'd just be waiting until Thursday for the other students to arrive."

But when Monday began, so did a flurry of activities. "You never got bored," Copete said. "As soon as we ended one activity, we began another," he said. "They made us feel special."

"All the students have been really impressed this year," said R/O Logistics Manager Wesley T. Chan '00. "The International R/O Committee has done a wonderful job showing the incoming international freshmen what MIT is about."

International Students, By Country of Origin

Bangladesh	.....2
Canada	.....2
Colombia	.....3
Germany	.....2
Ghana	.....3
Hong Kong	.....3
India	.....2
Japan	.....2
Jordan	.....2
Kenya	.....3
Malaysia	.....3
Pakistan	.....3
Romania	.....4
Saudi Arabia	.....4
Rep. of Singapore	.....5
Sweden	.....2
Thailand	.....4
Trinidad and Tobago	.....2
Turkey	.....4

Countries sending one new MIT student: Argentina, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Taiwan, Croatia, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Indonesia, Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Norway, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan.

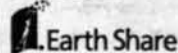
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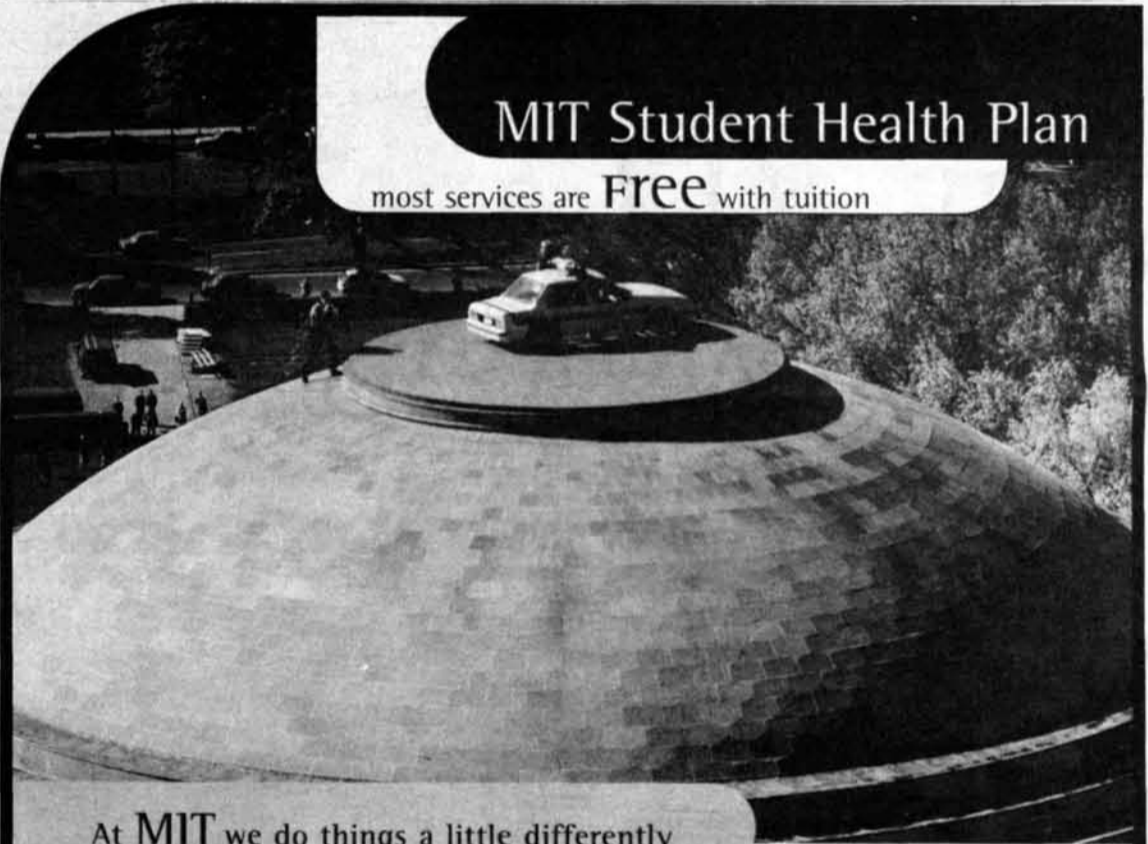
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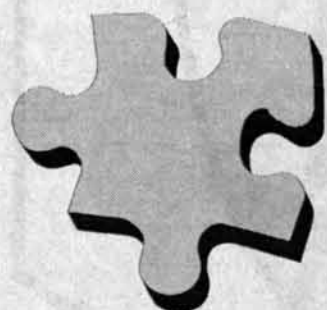
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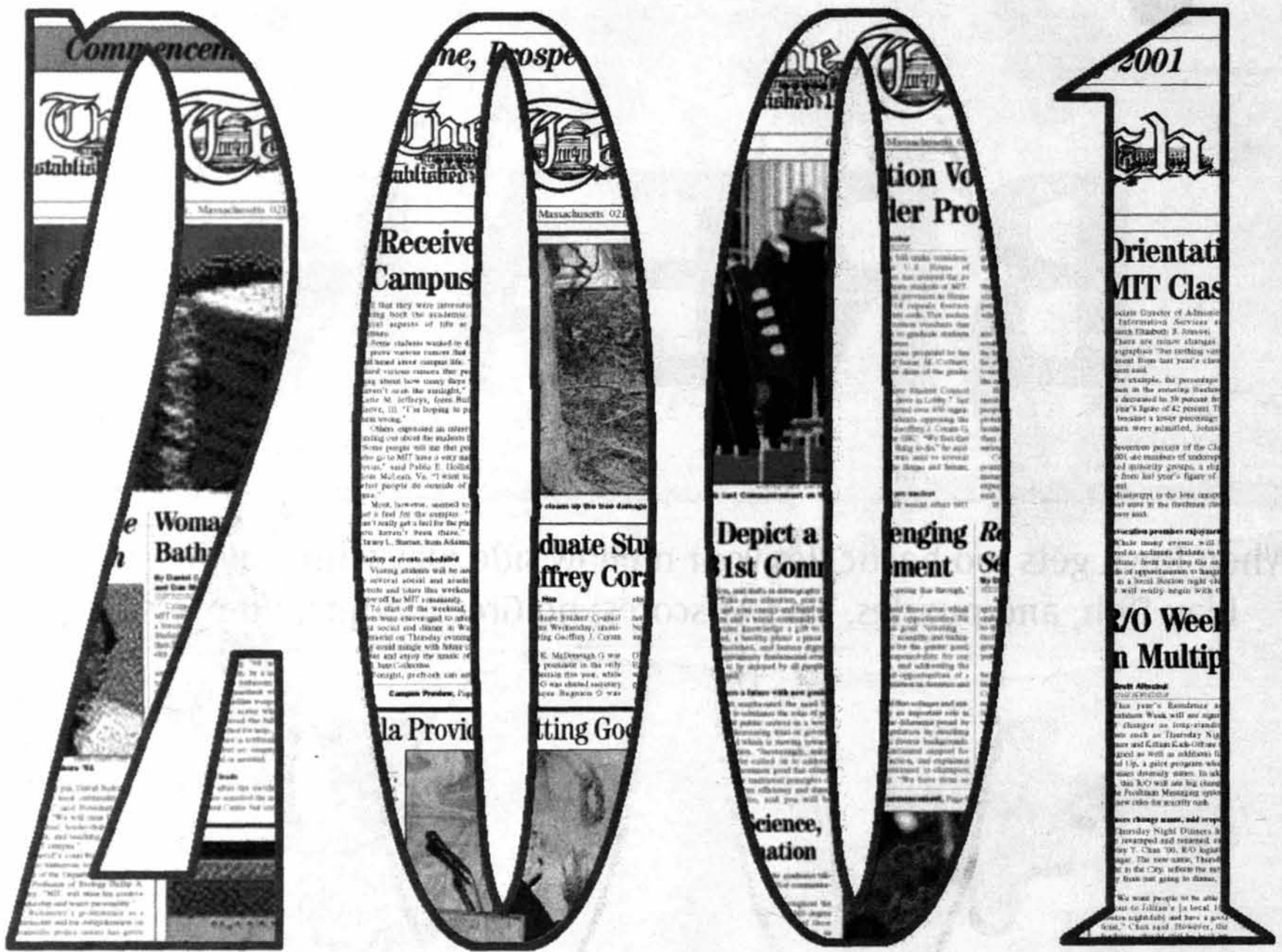
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