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Living Groups' Pledge Results Likely to Meet Expectations

By Frank Dabek
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

As rush nears its final days, reports from fraternities and other independent living groups indicate that this year's rush, while not exceptional, is on par with expectations.

"We're on target for the high 300s," said Neal H. Dorow, assistant dean for Residence and Campus Activities and adviser to fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. "The numbers are comparable to previous years which have averaged around 375." RCA forecasted that 375 freshmen would move into FSILGs this year.

Most rush chairs were satisfied with the way rush went.

"Several fraternities exceeded their expectations and are very happy with rush," Dorow said.

Jason T. Timpe '99, rush chair for Theta Chi, said this was an "excellent year."

Alpha Tau Omega also had an "exceptionally good year," said rush chair Matthew T. Kixmoeller '98.

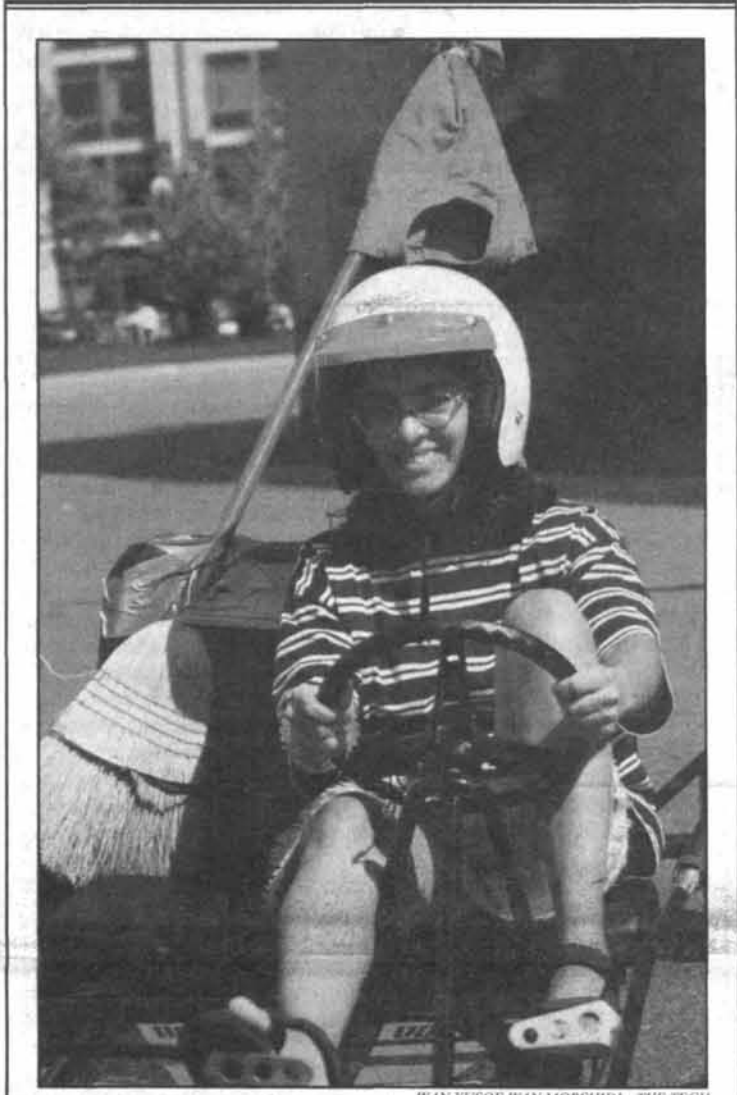
Daily Confusion drops events

Several groups said that they suffered because of errors in *The Daily Confusion* this year, while

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Independent Living Group	Bids		Target
	Accepted	Extended	
Alpha Delta Phi.....	14	26	N/A
Alpha Epsilon Pi.....	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alpha Tau Omega.....	15	17	N/A
Beta Theta Pi.....	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chi Phi.....	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delta Kappa Epsilon.....	9	N/A	9-10
Delta Psi (No. 6 Club).....	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delta Tau Delta.....	13	13	10-12
Delta Upsilon.....	11	13	11
Epsilon Theta.....	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fenway House.....	0	N/A	5-6
Kappa Sigma.....	16	16	16
Lambda Chi Alpha.....	15	16	N/A
Nu Delta.....	8	11	8
Phi Beta Epsilon.....	N/A	N/A	N/A
Phi Delta Theta.....	13	N/A	9
Phi Gamma Delta.....	12	13	11-13
Phi Kappa Sigma.....	5	11	10
Phi Kappa Theta.....	4	12	8
Phi Sigma Kappa.....	10	18	12-14
pika.....	11	15	10-12
Pi Lambda Phi.....	12	12	10
Sigma Alpha Epsilon.....	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sigma Chi.....	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sigma Nu.....	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sigma Phi Epsilon.....	15	23	19
Student House.....	4	N/A	10
Tau Epsilon Phi.....	4	N/A	N/A
Theta Chi.....	12	14	12
Theta Delta Chi.....	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theta Xi.....	9	16	13
Women's Independent Living Group.....	14	20	N/A
Zeta Beta Tau.....	N/A	N/A	N/A
Zeta Psi.....	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Farzana Mohamed '98 drives a go-kart during the ISP open house.
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Core Blitz And Expo Introduce Academics

By May K. Tse
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Two mandatory academic events for the freshmen will take place today, starting with the Core Blitz at 10:45 a.m. in Kresge Auditorium, followed by the Academic Expo at 12:30 p.m. in Johnson Athletics Center.

The Core Blitz will feature brief presentations from professors from various departments, regarding different classes freshmen can take to fulfill their science core requirements.

"I will be talking to the freshmen about the calculus options and the various choices they have to make," said James R. Munkres, professor of mathematics.

The other speakers include Professor of Physics Alan H. Guth '68, Professor of Chemistry Robert J. Silbey, Associate Professor of Materials Science and Engineering David K. Roylance, and Professor of Biology Harvey F. Lodish. Professor of Music and Theater Arts Peter Child will also give a presentation regarding the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences requirement.

"A lot of freshmen still have

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R/O Tours Introduce Frosh to Boston Sites

By Zareena Hussain
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

In between examining various living options during Residence and Orientation Week, freshmen have also had the opportunity, within

their hectic schedules, to go out and explore parts of Boston.

The R/O Committee has sponsored many tours to occupy the time of freshmen and help them explore the city which surrounds them.

"It's been good, it's been flowing well," said Van L. Chu '99, a member of the R/O Committee for tours and events.

"The purpose of the tours is to allow freshmen to get to know the

city and surrounding areas and to meet other freshmen and upperclassmen. It also gives freshmen who aren't rushing something fun and interesting to do," said Valerie L. Pires '00, also a member of the R/O Committee for tours and events.

Students went on a tour of Boston's Back Bay and visited the many stores, art galleries, and cafes on Newbury and Boylston Streets. Freshmen were also able to go shopping in Faneuil Hall and the adjacent Quincy Market. In addition, they got a behind-the-scenes tour of Fenway Park while learning about Red Sox history.

Many students attended the infamous Boston Duck Tour in which students explored Boston by both land and water on a historic World

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Harvard Square, the flamboyant center of Cambridge life, is one of the areas freshmen explored during R/O.
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NASA Loses Contact with Lewis Satellite After Four Days

THE WASHINGTON POST

NASA has lost contact with a \$50 million Earth-observation satellite launched only four days ago. About 6 a.m. Tuesday, ground controllers discovered that the Lewis satellite — placed in orbit 200 miles high early Saturday morning Eastern time — was spinning out of control at about two revolutions per minute, NASA officials said.

So, far the most likely cause is the accidental firing of one of the satellite's thrusters. "But that's pure speculation," said Samuel L. Venneri, chief technologist at NASA headquarters.

Because of the rotation, the satellite's solar power generators apparently were unable to provide sufficient electricity to keep the onboard batteries charged, making communication impossible. Four attempts to contact the spacecraft from the mission's Chantilly, Va., control center were unsuccessful. But officials at NASA and TRW Space & Electronics Group in California, which built the satellite, remained optimistic.

"We have approximately three weeks to look at what happened," said Venneri. "That's plenty of time" to try to get the high-tech orbiter to respond and to order it to fire the appropriate thrusters to counter the spin.

California Attorney General Now Supports Pot Research

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

Attorney General Dan Lungren, the most vocal critic of California's new medical marijuana law, announced his support Tuesday for a \$3 million research program intended to settle the decades-long dispute over the drug's benefits and failings for the ill.

The decision by the state's conservative top lawmaker to back a bill by liberal Democratic state Sen. John Vasconcellos unifies two political opposites who have clashed repeatedly over medical marijuana.

Lungren, a gubernatorial hopeful who boasts a long history as an anti-drug warrior, decided to back Vasconcellos' bill only after it had been sufficiently modified to ensure that the state-funded research, slated to be conducted over three years by the University of California, would be unassailably objective.

"California needs a definitive study," Lungren said at a news conference. "I do not fear the findings of an unbiased research project."

Gov. Pete Wilson, who must approve the funding, has expressed qualms. But the bipartisan push for research in the nation's most populous state could mark a sea change in the battle over marijuana as medicine.

If studies go forward in California and produce solid results one way or another, it could have significant ramifications for the state's new medical pot law, Proposition 215, as well as the nationwide debate on the drug.

"In many ways Lungren's endorsement today was like Nixon going to China," said Dave Fratello, spokesman for the group that sponsored Proposition 215. "Evidence that could lead to federal (Food and Drug Administration) approval would change the debate on this fundamentally. But the opponents are gambling that the studies will come out ambivalent, if not negative."

U.S. Grants Political Asylum To Two North Korean Diplomats

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration gave political asylum Tuesday to North Korea's ambassador to Egypt and his brother, also a diplomat, setting up a potential intelligence bonanza for Washington and its allies.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin announced the defection of Chang Sung Gil, North Korea's ambassador to Egypt, and his brother, Chang Sung Ho, who had been part of a trade mission in Paris. The ambassador is the highest-ranking diplomat to defect from the secretive Communist-ruled nation and the most important North Korean defector ever to seek asylum in the United States instead of South Korea.

Rubin said asylum was also granted to the ambassador's wife. He said the defectors are in the United States, but he declined to say where or when they might appear in public.

Although Rubin also declined to specify the sort of intelligence Chang has brought with him, there were news reports that the ambassador has important information about North Korea's missile sales to Iran and Syria. As the North's top diplomat in the Middle East and before that a vice foreign minister, Chang almost certainly had access to the details of North Korea's clandestine missile export program.

WEATHER Labor Day Hopes

By Gerard Roe

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Any overnight showers should have cleared away by morning leaving only residual cloudiness. The next feature on the horizon is a messy low pressure intensifying in Canada, which will create a weak cold front approaching the area on Wednesday evening. This will bring with it largely overcast skies, and there is some chance of precipitation, perhaps even a rumble or two of thunder. This slow moving system will hang around into Thursday, continuing the unsettled weather. The pattern looks set to break however for Friday and on into the early part of the last weekend of summer.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy in the morning. High touching on 80°F (27°C). Moderate wind from the south. Becoming overcast late.

Wednesday night: Cloudy with a chance of a shower. Low 65°F (18°C).

Thursday: Cloudy with a good chance of rain during the early part of the day. High 75°F (24°C). Low 58°F (14°C).

De Klerk Resigns as Leader Of S. Africa's National Party

By Ann M. Simmons

LOS ANGELES TIMES

NAIROBI, KENYA

F.W. de Klerk, South Africa's last white president and the man who led the dismantling of apartheid, resigned as leader of the opposition National Party on Tuesday and stepped out of the political limelight.

In a surprise announcement, de Klerk, 61, told a packed news conference in Cape Town, South Africa, that he is retiring because "it is in the best interest of the party and the country."

Ending a career that spanned almost a quarter-century, de Klerk — who shared the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize with President Nelson Mandela for his role in bringing democracy to South Africa — also threw into question the future of the party that institutionalized racial discrimination and nurtured it for 46 years.

"This party must continue with new, fresh ideas, with new, young leadership which can take us forward," he said. "A significant obstacle for the National Party is the perception that ... it is still linked to a guilt-laden past ... That symbol is removed now."

De Klerk urged his followers to continue supporting the National Party, or NP, which he said remains the only one that can "take care of your interests." Under de Klerk, the National Party had opened its doors to all races.

It was de Klerk — the scion of an Afrikaner family — who in 1990 lifted a 30-year-old ban on Mandela's African National Congress, or ANC, and nine days later freed Mandela from prison, where he had served 27 years of a life sentence for sabotage against the white-led government.

Mandela, hearing Tuesday's news, was gracious. "I only hope

South Africans will not forget the role de Klerk played in effecting a smooth transition from our painful past to the dispensation South Africa enjoys today," he told reporters.

A statement from Mandela's African National Congress called de Klerk's decision a "recognition of the obvious reality that the captains of apartheid cannot easily transform themselves into co-architects of the new South Africa."

"I think he realized that his time had come to get out of the political race with honor," said Mark Malan, a senior researcher at the Institute for Security Studies in Johannesburg, South Africa.

De Klerk's party is in disarray today, plagued by political infighting that has led to a host of defections by some moderate members. Some observers read his departure as a sign that the NP may revert to its traditional hard line.

When de Klerk became president in 1989 after having served as a member of Parliament and as education minister — presiding over a school system that spent 10 times more on white children than on blacks — supporters assumed he would protect the apartheid regime. Instead, the former lawyer shocked the nation by announcing that white domination had to end for South Africa to enjoy real peace.

Within a year, he legalized 60 anti-apartheid groups, including the ANC, and freed hundreds of political prisoners. After liberating Mandela, he removed the notorious legislative pillars of apartheid and began talks on a transition to democracy, effectively negotiating himself out of power.

Mandela's party defeated de Klerk's in a landslide in the 1994 national election, the first to include voting by all races and the one that marked the end of 350 years of

minority rule. De Klerk became one of two deputy presidents in Mandela's government of unity. But he pulled his party out of the coalition once South Africa's new constitution was approved in May 1996.

De Klerk set out on a crusade to remake the party. But "it was never clear what he was trying to do," said Laurie Nathan, executive director of the Center for Conflict Resolution at the University of Cape Town.

"How does he play the role of national leader committed to reconciliation, and at the same time advance the interests of his political party?"

De Klerk had hoped to broaden his party's appeal to lure South Africans unhappy with the ANC. When he conceded defeat to Mandela in 1994, de Klerk, ever the consummate politician, vowed that his party would make another run for the presidency in 1999. But his efforts to enlarge the party failed.

Like most other white leaders of the apartheid era, de Klerk refused to apply for amnesty for crimes committed in the name of white rule. Last spring, he enraged the country's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the panel created to record the ordeal of the system's victims, by blaming torture and other atrocities on low-ranking officials.

He has maintained that he did not know about such deeds perpetrated by police death squads and other security forces.

Analysts said de Klerk's likely successor, due to be picked Sept. 9, is either Hennis Kriel, the Western Cape provincial premier and a leader of the party's right wing, or NP executive director Marthinus van Schalkwyk.

De Klerk will keep his position until that selection is made and then plans to work on his autobiography, he said.

Documents Indicate Al Gore Made More Fund-Raising Calls

By Marc Lacey

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The number of fund-raising calls made by Vice President Al Gore grew even higher Tuesday as newly available documents showed that Gore telephoned more than 75 donors in 1995 and '96 to encourage them to support the Democratic Party.

The records, which were provided to Senate investigators in recent weeks, increase by several dozen the number of telephone pitches made from Gore's White House office.

They also show that the Democratic National Committee, at Gore's urging, reimbursed the federal treasury earlier this year for \$24.20 to cover the cost of 20 fund-raising calls that were not charged to a campaign credit card account.

The documents also link former White House counsel Jack Quinn to the controversy. While Quinn was Gore's chief of staff, he telephoned at least two dozen donors in 1995, apparently from his White House office.

Quinn's predecessor as White House counsel, Abner J. Mikva, issued a memo in 1995 warning that "no fund-raising phone calls or mail may emanate from the White House or any other federal building."

Mikva's memo was an interpretation of the Hatch Act, which White House officials contend does not apply to Clinton or Gore, a point on which various legal experts dis-

agree. The law's fund-raising ban would, however, apply to Quinn.

Quinn, now in private practice, said in a statement that he was making thank-you calls to supporters, not fund-raising solicitations.

"Under the applicable federal regulations, it is perfectly permissible to express thanks, as I did, to political supporters for their efforts," Quinn said.

The call sheets he used were prepared by the DNC, however, and noted the amount each call recipient had pledged to raise or contribute.

The new documents prompted criticism from GOP Senate investigators, who have been frustrated by the White House's piecemeal production of records. The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee will reconvene its hearings early next month, with Gore's fund-raising calls one topic on the agenda.

"The number of calls keeps going up," said Paul Clark, spokesman for the Senate probe. "It started as a few calls.

Now it's approaching 100 calls and some of those were at taxpayer expense. We can't seem to get a straight answer. The question is what we still don't know. It's beginning to look like a potential coverup."

However, Ginny Terzano, Gore's press secretary, insisted that the vice president has been up front about the matter ever since the controversy over his calling habits broke out in March. The latest numbers, she said, came from recently

gathered documents that do not contradict Gore's earlier statements that he had acted within the law.

At a March news conference, Gore repeatedly asserted there was "no controlling legal authority" that prohibited him or the president from making solicitations on federal property. At the time, Gore said he made fund-raising calls "on a few occasions" from his West Wing office in December 1995 and the spring of 1996.

The White House subsequently said he made as many as 50 calls to at least 38 different donors.

The new figures include 46 direct fund-raising pitches by Gore between Nov. 28, 1995 and May 2, 1996. In 10 other cases, he tried to reach donors but did not get through.

In addition, Gore placed as many as 37 other calls that a White House official described as expressions of appreciation to individuals who had committed to raise money for the Clinton-Gore ticket.

The new documents do not reveal exactly how much Gore may have raised for the party. But a November 1995 memo prepared by DNC officials proposed that Clinton and Gore both make calls in an effort to raise \$1.2 million. Clinton has said he does not recall making fund-raising solicitations but may have done so.

As for Gore, he only contacted those supporters who had given large sums — at least \$25,000 — to the Democrats in the past.

Damaged Oxygen Generators Repaired on Beleaguered Mir

By David Hoffman
THE WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW

Two balky oxygen generators aboard the Mir space station were repaired late Monday at almost the same time NASA reported they were malfunctioning. Russian Mission Control officials announced the repair Tuesday with more than a touch of annoyance at the intense scrutiny of every mishap aboard the troubled vessel. The Russian officials said both the primary oxygen system and the backup system, using solid-fuel "candles" to generate oxygen, are in working order. The announcement Monday from NASA in Houston that both were broken had touched off alarms that yet another serious problem could be facing the two Russian cosmonauts and American astronaut on board.

Russian officials said the repairs were completed quickly, by 10:30 p.m. Moscow time Monday evening, or 2:30 p.m. EDT. That was half an hour after NASA's daily

status report on Mir was issued, at 2 p.m. EDT, carrying details of the problem.

Russian officials once again expressed surprise and irritation at the extensive news media coverage of Mir's travails. They had not announced the oxygen problem publicly, and they often have regarded malfunctions as just another day's work. There have been hundreds of such small breakdowns over the years on Mir, which has been occupied longer than any other space station.

"I am sorry to say that these small imperfections are presented as lethally dangerous, tragic events," deputy flight director Viktor Blagov said. "It's not correct."

President Boris Yeltsin also jumped to the defense of the 11-year-old space station, whose troubles have become symbolic of Russia's quest to remain a global power on a shoestring budget. At the time it was launched, Mir had a predicted service life of five years, and it is being kept in orbit in part

so Russia can claim a role in the planned international space station.

"There is nothing tragic there," Yeltsin said during a visit to the Russian city of Saratov. "And the guys, according to American space specialists, did a good job. They thought the station was written off, that it's impossible to carry out experiments there. Nothing of the sort. The station is alive and will be alive."

Vladimir Solovyev, the Mission Control director, said the latest reports of a breakdown in the oxygen system were "a completely incomprehensible uproar." He told reporters, "to our greatest joy, and I think to your deep disappointment, nothing extraordinary has happened aboard the station."

Meanwhile, Russian officials said Tuesday they are still trying to restore more electrical power to Mir from the Spektr module's solar panels. After the June 25 accident, Mir has been operating on reduced electrical power, which has limited scientific experiments.

House Leader Flunks Agencies' Strategic Plans for Improvement

By Stephen Barr
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

House Majority Leader Richard K. Arney, R-Tex., has handed out failing grades to the top federal agencies for inadequately meeting the requirements of a new law aimed at measuring the performance of government programs.

Draft "strategic plans" prepared by federal agencies for the Government Performance and Results Act left out required elements and did not address major management problems, Arney said in a letter explaining his report card.

The Results Act, signed by President Clinton in 1993 as a building block for his "reinventing government" initiative, gave the agencies time to prepare the five-year strategic plans, which are supposed to be published next month. In theory, the law will force agencies to explain their goals for major programs, measure their progress and demonstrate what the public gets for its tax dollars.

But, as Arney said in his Aug. 7 letter to Office of Management and Budget Director Franklin D. Raines, the report card illustrates "rather starkly how far agencies are from the ideal." Under the congressional

assessment, the Social Security Administration had the dubious distinction of finishing first with the highest score, 62 out of a possible 105 points.

The Labor Department was awarded the lowest score, at 6.5 points. The average score was 29.9, Arney said.

Arney faulted the agencies for failing to provide statutorily required information, such as mission statements and strategies to achieve goals; for paying scant attention to program duplication inside their agencies and across the government; and for remaining silent on management problems previously identified by the General Accounting Office and inspectors general.

However, Arney acknowledged that his comments were based on draft versions of the strategic plans, and he praised agencies for previous consultations with Congress. He told Raines he hoped the report card would be useful as agencies rewrite their drafts for the Sept. 30 deadline.

Arney's report card gives equal weight to 10 evaluation factors, even though some of the standards are not directly addressed by the Results Act.

His scoring method also awarded

bonus points to agencies that best explained their performance measurement systems.

His letter drew heavily on GAO reviews of the agency strategic plans, but the agency rankings were drawn up primarily by Republican-led congressional teams.

GAO, for example, faulted the Commerce Department's draft strategic plan for failing to link long-term program goals to annual performance goals and for not discussing how program evaluations were used to establish departmental goals.

Commerce programs overlap those at other agencies, but the department did not adequately discuss its shared responsibilities, GAO said. For instance, Commerce's environmental programs cross over programs at the Agriculture, Defense, Interior, State and Transportation departments as well as the Environmental Protection Agency.

Commerce also failed to address its management challenges, such as the design of the 2000 census, computer modernization at the National Weather Service and escalating costs for an upgrade of labs at the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Coverdell Joins Helms in Opposition To Weld as Ambassador to Mexico

By Helen Dewar
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

A key Republican member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday joined committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., in publicly opposing confirmation of former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld (R) as ambassador to Mexico and called on President Clinton to withdraw Weld's nomination.

Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., chairman of the panel's subcommittee for the Western Hemisphere and international narcotics, criticized Weld's "confrontational" fight for the post, questioned his diplomatic skills and said the job requires "someone with significant experience" in U.S.-Mexican relations, especially in light of Mexico's problems with drug trafficking.

"It is my opinion that the situation in Mexico has escalated to such proportions that our ambassador should be for the foreseeable future in a category that calls for the most

senior of foreign service officers, not unlike Moscow or Bosnia," Coverdell said in a statement after informing Clinton and Weld of his views last week.

Coverdell also joined Helms in questioning whether Weld, who has supported medicinal use of marijuana, is sufficiently committed to fighting drugs. "Whoever serves as ambassador to Mexico must also be seen as having an absolutely unquestioned commitment to the war on drugs," he said. "I do not think all of Gov. Weld's public actions and statements on this issue square with that requirement."

Coverdell's statement adds to the already roiling battle within the GOP over Weld's nomination. Helms has refused to schedule a confirmation hearing, claiming Weld is soft on drugs. Sen. Richard G. Lugar (Ind.), the panel's second-ranking Republican, has challenged Helms, demanded hearings and at one point suggested he could use his position as chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee to retaliate

against Helms.

It also undermines the argument that this is strictly a Helms vendetta against Weld, whose moderate social policies are anathema to the conservative North Carolinian. As secretary of the Senate Republican Conference, Coverdell is a member of the Senate GOP leadership.

Coverdell said he met with Weld three weeks ago and told him that "the confrontational and public nature of his campaign for this post" displayed a lack of diplomacy. "As someone who has been the subject of Senate confirmation himself, I believe that the process is in some ways, fairly or unfairly, an important test of these abilities."

"If the Foreign Relations committee would give Gov. Weld the opportunity he deserves to answer their questions in a committee hearing, he would amply demonstrate his qualifications for this job," said deputy press secretary Barry Toiv. "We believe there is a bipartisan support for a hearing and for his nomination."

Cherokee Chief Agrees To End Tribal Infighting

THE WASHINGTON POST

TULSA

After months of vicious tribal infighting, Cherokee Chief Joe Byrd announced Tuesday that he had signed an agreement with the Interior Department to end the turmoil and to reinstate the law enforcement officials he had dismissed in the middle of an investigation of tribal expenditures.

Byrd has been under pressure from state and federal officials to resolve the crisis that has all but paralyzed the nation's second-largest tribe since February. Within the past six months, Byrd had fired the Cherokee Marshal Service and the tribal prosecutor, and engineered the impeachment of the tribe's highest court — which had questioned his authority and ethics.

With more than \$80 million in federal funds annually appropriated to the tribe, the situation quickly caught the attention of Washington. Interior and Justice Department officials have been working intensively in recent days to broker an agreement before the tribe's national holiday this weekend. The three-day celebration commemorates the reunification of the Cherokee Nation in 1939.

When the marathon negotiations in Washington stalled late Friday, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., placed the blame on Byrd's shoulders. Byrd agreed to return to the table Monday, and when he arrived back here from Washington on Tuesday, after signing the agreement, he called for peace and cooperation.

Netanyahu Courts Japan As Technology Partner

THE WASHINGTON POST

TOKYO

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu '76, on his first trip to East Asia, is in Japan this week offering the region's corporate giants a "marriage made in economic heaven."

In meetings with Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto and leaders of Japanese industry, Netanyahu has been touting what he says is the news from Israel that is often lost in the blur of daily headlines about Middle East politics and security.

"We are changing the face of Israel to become one of the three or four leading centers of technology in the world," Netanyahu said in a speech to foreign correspondents here.

Netanyahu said Israel has seen "explosive growth" in high-tech innovation, in areas such as biotechnology, robotics, laser technology and computers. He said Israel has 1,000 new start-up companies in high technology, second only to the United States.

Now, he said, Israel needs partners to turn its ideas into profits. So he is spending the week touring Japan and South Korea to pitch Israeli know-how.

"Innovation without production and marketing is useless," he said. "I am here to offer a marriage made in economic heaven between the formidable Japanese production and marketing capabilities and Israel's newfound technological prowess."

SAT Math Scores Are Up, Verbal Scores Remain Constant

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Scores on the Scholastic Assessment Test, one of the United States' key barometers of academic fitness for college-bound seniors, show that math achievement is up three points, reaching the highest level in 26 years. But results of the verbal test showed no growth — perhaps because high school students today take fewer English courses than they did a decade ago.

The nationwide average for exams taken during the last school year was 511 in math and 505 in verbal ability, according to the College Board, the private New York-based group that sponsors the annual college entrance exam.

A record 32 percent of students who took the SAT exams were minorities, the College Board said. That represents a 10-point gain from 1987.

The College Board report also showed a wide gap in achievement between public and private schools. In California, for instance, parochial students averaged 526 on the verbal portion of the exam and 518 on math, while students from other private schools averaged 574 on the verbal exam and 582 in math. Those scores were as much as 84 points higher than the public school averages.

Although girls consistently earn higher high school grades, their SAT scores continue to lag behind boys', with the gap reaching 36 points in math and four points in verbal skill.

Lewis Has No Regrets, Many Plans After Competitive Farewell

THE WASHINGTON POST

BERLIN

Carl Lewis took what he called his final bows Tuesday night as the curtain fell for perhaps the last time on the most successful track and field career in history.

Lewis, who has savored more encores than Pavarotti, ran his last official race by anchoring a 4x100-meter relay "Dream Team" of Donovan Bailey, Leroy Burrell and Frankie Fredericks to an easy victory in 38.24 seconds in the climax of the European track and field summer season.

The nine-time Olympic gold medalist will perform once more, at halftime of a University of Houston football game next month, but he insists Tuesday's race was his farewell to competition.

No other athlete in recent times stood in — and loved — the spotlight as much as Lewis. From the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles to Seoul in 1988 to Barcelona in 1992 to Atlanta in 1996, Lewis used the Olympic Games as a personal stage.

"I woke up several times in the middle of the night and said to myself, 'I can't believe it,' but this is really the end," he said in an interview before the race as he relaxed in the VIP tribune of Berlin's Olympic Stadium, where Adolf Hitler once fumed as Jesse Owens shattered the myth of the Aryan superman in the 1936 Olympics.

OPINION

Religious Groups Can Often Be Divisive

Column by Stacey E. Blau

OPINION EDITOR

Hey, freshmen, there *are* atheists at MIT. And pagans and Muslims and Hindus and Buddhists and Jews and a bunch of different flavors in between.

Of course, you can't miss the slightly different version of that slogan directed at freshmen that's on signs around campus. The real signs read, "Hey, freshmen, there *are* Christians at MIT." Well, well, well. Who'd have thunk it?

When I first saw those signs as a freshman three years ago, I wondered what exactly they were supposed to mean to me. So there are Christians at MIT. Yeah. So what? Should I be any more interested in that fact than, say, the fact that there are bird watchers at MIT? The sign was talking to me, I guessed, since I was a freshman, but on the other hand, I certainly wasn't Christian, nor was I the least bit interested in becoming one.

I might not have cared at all had it not struck me that the sign was different from the other signs put up by activities in the Infinite Corridor. The other activities with poster

spaces tell you about themselves and maybe even try to get you to join. But the assumption the Christians sign makes is that there's some reason you should be very interested in the fact that there are Christians at MIT.

Who would be interested in such a message? Christians, obviously, and possibly some others who want desperately to be proselytized. Surely the message is not a purely informational one. (Did someone actually doubt that there were Christians at MIT?) Ostensibly, the sign is directed at all freshmen, as though they'd all somehow be interested in Christianity. Well, word to the wise; not all freshmen are Christian. And not all of us appreciate being addressed as though we were.

Religion is a serious matter at MIT, often taken a little too seriously — and a little too divisively. It isn't only Christian groups that are at fault. Many other religious groups (and ethnic groups, for that matter) seem to clump together in disturbingly large numbers.

The tendency for people to want to be part of a group is natural, particularly when they might feel lost and unattached during a time like the start of college. A good, healthy religious group recognizes this reality and tries to make newcomers feel welcome. Many religious groups at and around MIT do their best to help freshmen adjust.

Not all religious groups, however, make a

good-faith effort to do quite that. Some groups take advantage of the insecurity freshmen feel during their first few weeks at college, drawing them into huge time commitments and pressuring them under the guise of promoting a strong religious commitment. These groups have been known to isolate freshmen and ruin their lives for a substantial period of time.

The biggest such group to watch out for around MIT is the Boston Church of Christ, a Christian cult that sends out proselytizers in pairs to recruit heavily at MIT, often illegally in the Infinite Corridor and, strangely enough, in the East Campus courtyard. There are also the Scientologists (a more blatant sort of cult, if only for their obvious silliness), who pass out fliers at the 77 Massachusetts Ave. crosswalk about self-improvement and your IQ; what they want in actuality is your money.

If you steer clear of those two groups, you'll probably be okay. But don't think for a second that just because you're not joining an out-and-out cult doesn't mean you're not necessarily joining a group that doesn't put significant divisions between you and others. I'm far from a fan of the idiotic and endless rhetoric around MIT about the need for unity, but it doesn't take much to see where some of the dividing lines around here start. Hopefully, you won't need a bad experience with religion to show you.

Extropians Flounder on Diversity, Reason

Column by Sharmin Ghaznavi

STAFF REPORTER

As much as I hate to add to the controversy surrounding the MIT Extropians, I felt the need to write something after reading the e-mail they received and posted on their World Wide Web site praising the group's lucidity and insight.

I realized after reading through the e-mails that the strengths of the Extropians arguments lie in their cogency and eloquence. Their manifesto is well written — so well written — that what goes virtually unnoticed is that it is not

well-thought-out. At best, the arguments by the Extropians are testament to their myopia and total lack of insight.

First, the Extropians argue for an emphasis on diversity of thought instead of emphasis on cultural and racial diversity. What the Extropians fail to realize is that as a consequence of segregation — both the imposed segregation of the past and self segregation of the present — diversity of thought is closely linked to cultural diversity. It is no secret that differences in rituals, location, history, and even language give rise to unique bodies of

thought. These are the same elements that compose cultures, and segregation has kept cultures apart. Creating cultural diversity is crucial to creating diversity of thought.

Interestingly enough, however, the same individuals who argue for diversity of thought also herald the superiority of math and physics to all other disciplines, referring to them as "monuments of the human mind." While I agree these disciplines are, as they call them, "monuments of the human mind," so is every other discipline. A small step out of the paradigm of scientific evaluation is all that's needed to recognize as much. By placing this emphasis on math and physics, the Extropians inherently support the convergence of all thought into the framework of mathematical and scientific paradigms, contradicting their desire for diversity of thought.

The Extropians also endorse reading a common literature and listening to the same music, among other seemingly conformist suggestions. How is this supporting diversity of thought? At best, reading the same books and listening to the same music, provides for a limited range of opinion and thought on the same books and same music.

After close look at the Extropians' arguments, their superficial insightfulness quickly gives way to the fact that they have merely raised up age old issues at MIT. They have brought up nothing new and contributed only their not so unique brand of cynicism.

The Extropians argue that freshmen are capable of reason, and I would agree with them on this point. But if reason is what the Extropians want freshmen to use, why didn't they allow freshmen to consider their MIT experiences in time and come to their own conclusions? The Extropians instead chose to give freshmen a manifesto full of preconceived warnings and ideals to live up to.

The Extropians seem much like parents who seek to live their lives vicariously through those of their children. Rather than the sages they regard themselves as, the Extropians look a lot more like a group of bitter individuals seeking to reclaim their earlier MIT years.



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FLP Promoted Freshman Involvement — Not Elitism

Guest column by Pardis Sabeti

There has been a lot of discussion lately about the Freshmen Leadership Program. Unfortunately, most of the discussion has been sparked by people who have not been to or talked to anyone involved in the program. Judgements have been passed without any information to support them. As the founder of FLP and a two-year participant, I would like to shed some light on the discussion.

FLP was, in its most primitive form, a conclusion to a paper I wrote titled "The Effects of Housing and Orientation on the Quality of MIT Student Life." I felt that MIT was a self-segregated community and that measures should be taken to bridge gaps between different groups of people. My primary goal therefore was to build a sense of community among MIT students.

I felt that this could be achieved by giving students an opportunity to get to know each other before the pressures of Residence and Orientation Week and the school year set in. When I decided that a longer orientation (pre-rush) period was a good way to achieve this goal, I began researching other school programs. The evolution of programs around the country leans toward longer, more involved interaction between members of the freshman class.

By interviewing students at MIT and researching MIT's R/O history, I became aware of my second goal — for each individual. I wanted to provide students with an initial positive experience that would give each one the confidence and a sense of community that would create the foundations for their next four years. I feel that MIT freshmen have worked hard to get where they are, and we should give them a moment to realize their achievements and potentials before introducing them to the turmoil of college life.

Now, some concerns have been raised about the method I used to achieve these goals. I welcome your opinions; I hope that many people can take an active role in creating an MIT community that is right for them. However, it would be tragic if these decisions were made before the facts were known.

FLP accepted everyone who applied. We even tried our hardest to bring in freshmen who applied well after the deadline. We are not the anointed ones, as some have claimed, but simply those who chose to participate. The application process was used to establish interest and helped us to know the participants better. I feel that the Admissions Office has already done our job of bringing visionaries and leaders to MIT. FLP does not try to select

leaders; it provides a way to develop them.

And what are leaders? The word "leadership" has been tossed around quite a bit in the recent dialogue, but no real definition is ever given. I found it amusing that the column by Brett Altschul '99 ["Too Many Perpetuate False Notions About Leadership," August 25] condemned our kind of leadership without realizing that the rest of his arguments supported what we achieved. One of the primary goals of FLP this year was building strong teams — taking the talents, experiences, and ideas of each freshman and allowing them to contribute to the group.

I believe that a group's potential can best be achieved if everyone's ideas can be used, as opposed to a situation in which only one person is heard. We are not creating politicians at FLP but rather developing engineers, scientists, businessmen, etc., who can work together and individually to achieve their potential.

The highest achievement that could be claimed of the 1996 FLP program was not that six participants went on to become Class of 2000 officers. The true success was the fact that 85 freshmen became active in their com-

munity in their own way — in science, in sports, in student government, in their living groups, or as friends — and that in doing what they loved, they benefited the community.

I find it funny that of five days of activities, the one activity that got the most notoriety was one that could not have lasted more than 10 minutes over the duration of the camp — heinie-writing. But because it seems so important to some, I will give it its undeserved attention.

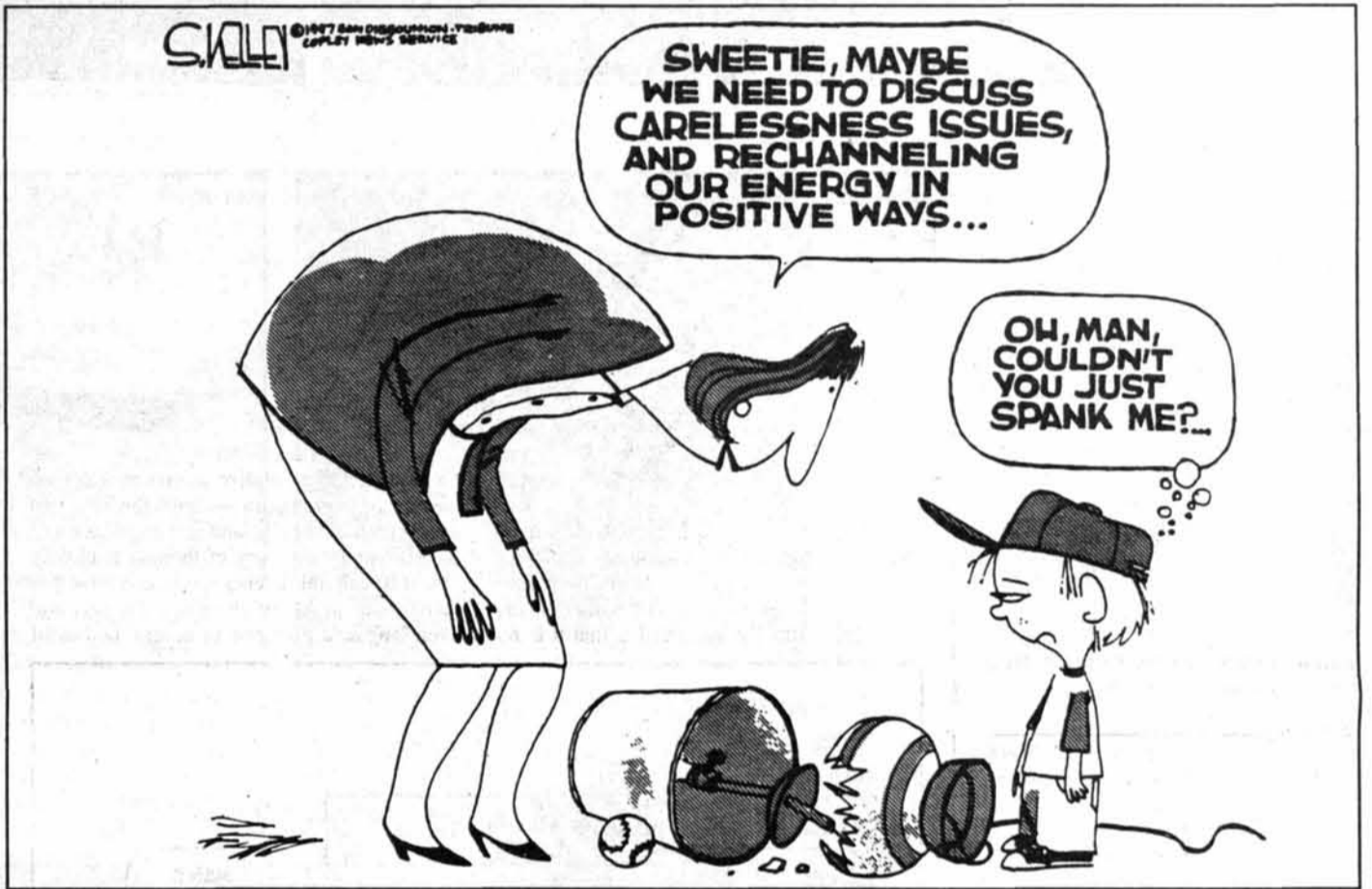
The goal of heinie-writing was twofold. First, it made people more relaxed and lowered inhibitions. If freshmen saw that their counselors and other freshmen were not too cool to look silly, they would be willing to take more risks and let their guard down. Second, heinie-writing provided a necessary contrast with other more serious activities and discussions that were ignored by columns like Altschul's.

FLP participants did build close bonds after spending five days together. It may seem natural to simply assume that these bonds would be stronger than those formed by other freshmen during the first three days of R/O. But it is rather premature to make judgements on the

effect of FLP on the MIT community after only a few days. We did not see a FLP clique split off from the class of 2000 after FLP 1996. What we did see was these freshmen go into many different living groups and, through connections with each other, begin to bring the MIT community closer together. That was our main aim.

If you want to know more about the FLP program and activities, you should ask participants or check out the FLP World Wide Web page. Please do not learn about it from people who have not done any research before declaring their opinions.

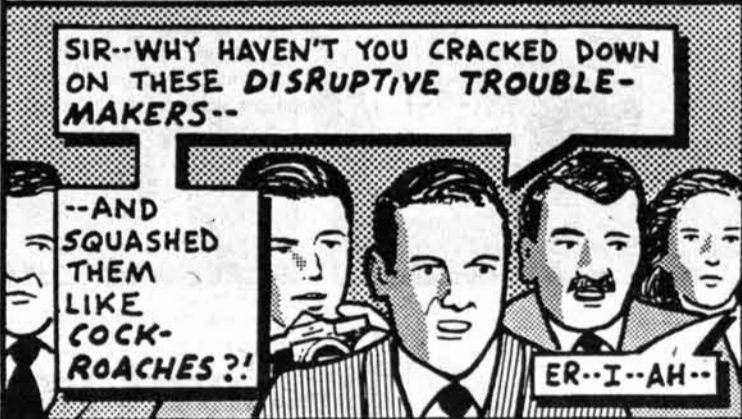
After reading some of the columns that have been printed, it seems that I should be ashamed to say that the freshmen who attended FLP enjoyed themselves, that they got a lot out of it, that they made a variety of friends. But I am not ashamed. We gave every freshman this opportunity, and we are working harder for next year to make sure more freshmen and counselors go. We are doing the best we can. Instead of faulting the program for giving some freshmen a very good experience, we should think about ways to give such an experience to more people.



THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

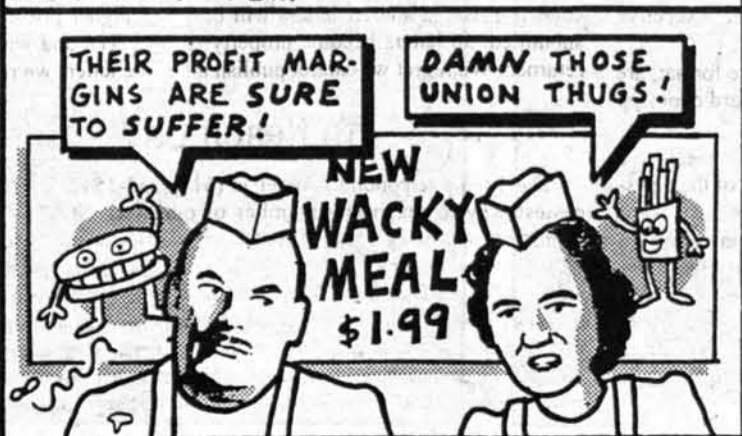
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THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED WITH SURPRISE THAT (ACCORDING TO THEIR POLL) 55% OF AMERICANS BACKED THE STRIKERS...THOUGH FRANKLY, WE WERE MORE SURPRISED THAT A FULL 27% SIDED WITH UPS...



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Damned for
Life by Jessica

ALBERT & NEWTON PRESENT: how to pick a HASS-D

1. CHECK OUT THE NUMBER OF BOOKS FOR THE CLASS AT THE COOP. MORE BOOKS = MORE READING. (DUH!)
2. MAKE SURE THE WRITING IS MINIMAL. COMPUTERS ARE FOR GAMES AND EWRITING, NOT WORD PROCESSING.
3. MAKE SURE THERE'S NO MIDTERM OR FINAL UNLESS IT'S OPEN-NOTES OR TAKE-HOME.
4. CHECK THE BABE QUOTIENT. REMEMBER.. ALL THOSE CLASSES YOU EXPECT TO HAVE LOTS OF WOMEN IN DON'T.

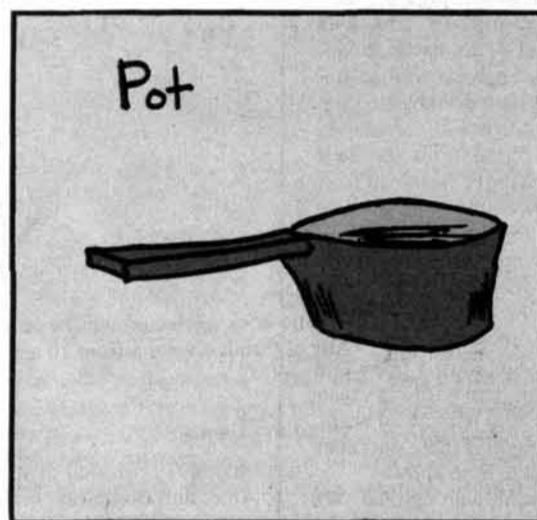
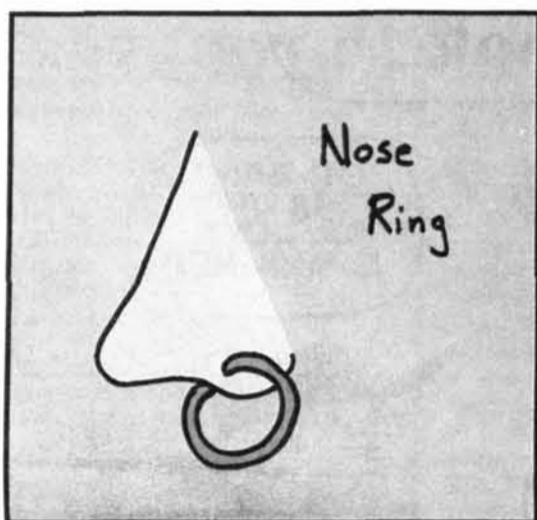
GASP! 3 BOOKS?!

POW! POW!

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FINALS TO STUDY FOR?

NOPE! I TOOK ALL HASS-Ds!

HEY MAN, I THOUGHT THIS WAS WOMEN'S STUDIES!



Noun Poetry
by Katy-Cat



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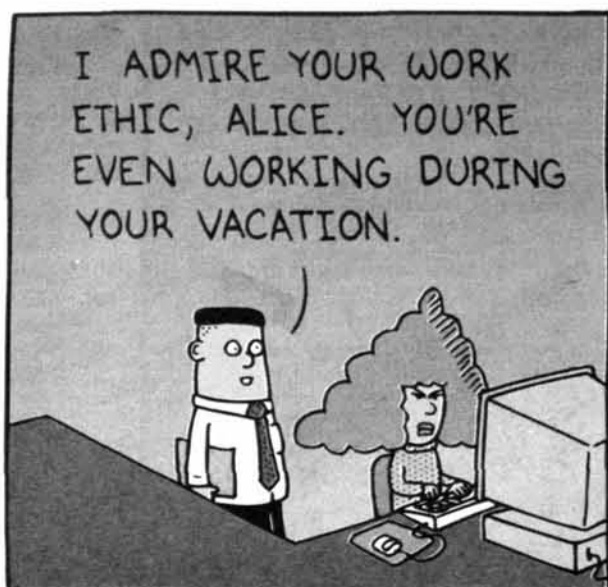


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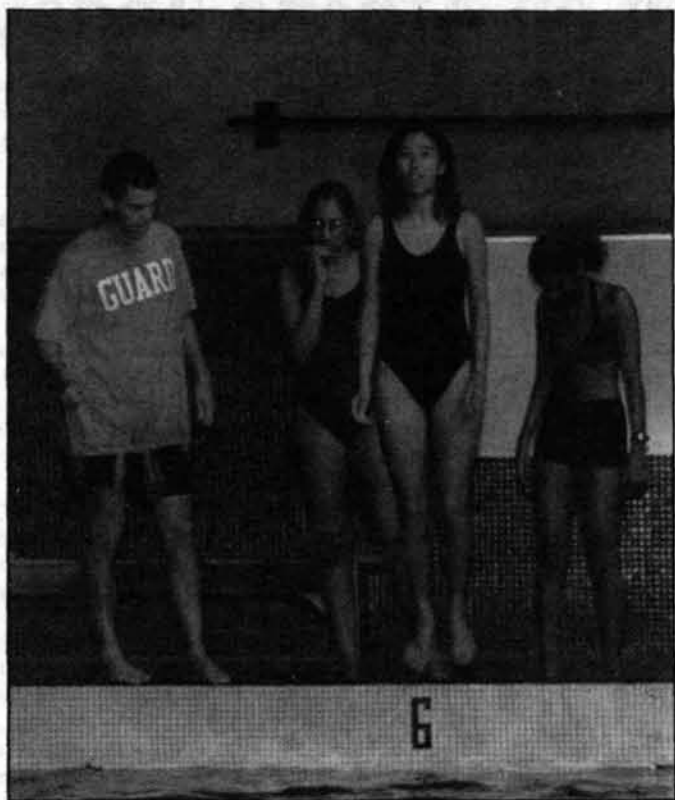


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WAN YUSOF WAN MORSHIDI—THE TECH
Joyce Wei '01 prepares to plunge into the pool while coach Slovenski watches cautiously during yesterday's swim test.



DAVID D. HSU—THE TECH
JUNIOR SWIM TEST — Kappa Alpha Theta members dunk Margaret C. Tsai '99 in the MIT Chapel moat as sorority rush draws to a close. After preference parties on Monday night, bids were extended to freshmen yesterday.

Several Options Available for Textbook Purchases

By Jennifer Lane
 EDITOR IN CHIEF

As frenzied rush grinds to a halt, reality once again will start to sink in. There'll be classes to register for, and one burdensome and expensive task that every student must face several times a year — textbook purchasing.

While the traditional site for this semesterly ritual is the MIT Coop, located in Kendall Square, an aspiring student could probably find some textbooks for a lower price, if they looked and waited long enough.

For instance, *Computational Structures*, used in Computation Structures (6.004) sells for \$70 at the Coop and the MIT Press, while it is going for \$58 at Quantum Books.

The Coop

The Coop is currently stocking 80 percent of the textbooks needed for next semester's classes. This is 12 percent ahead of where they were this time last year, said Bob Devine, general manager of The Coop in Kendall.

The Coop is the contact for the majority of MIT professors and works closely with professors to ensure that textbooks are available. "We have a pretty good working relationship," Devine said.

The Coop is "shooting for 10 percent" used book sales this year, and they are currently at about 12 percent, he said. Last year, The Coop had only 3 percent used book sales.

Used books are sold at 25 percent off the new book price.

Calculus with Analytic Geometry, used for Calculus (18.01) and Calculus (18.02) is sold at The Coop for \$86.50.

University Physics Volume One, for Physics I (8.01) is selling for \$58, and *Volume Two* for Physics II (8.02) will cost students \$47.50.

The Coop has a 27 percent markup on textbooks.

Students may sell their textbooks back to the Coop at up to 50 percent of their cost at the end of the semester, Devine said.

The Coop will also run a shuttle between living groups and their store on Aug. 2, 3, and 4.

MIT Press

The MIT Press, located across the street from The Coop, publishes many of the textbooks students will use this semester.

Students willing to look around for textbooks, especially computer science texts, may be able to find a better deal at the MIT Press.

The store sells texts at the MIT

Press recommended price.

APO Book Exchange

Alpha Phi Omega, a coed service fraternity, will once again sponsor a book exchange. There, students may find books at lower prices.

The book exchange will be held Aug. 2 through Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Quantum Books

Quantum Books, located at the corner of Ames and Broadway, sells very few textbooks. "It's not a large part of our business," said Sheila Cecchi, manager of corporate accounts and customer service for Quantum Books.

However, they do stock several electrical engineering and computer science textbooks.

Because Quantum orders books in small quantities, they may be able to offer the book at a lower price than The Coop, which must stock a large quantity, Cecchi said.



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HASS-D, PE Lotteries Set to Begin on Athena Today

By Brett Altschul
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Students may now enter separate lotteries to select their physical education and Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Distribution classes.

The format for the lottery programs is identical to last year's, said Andy Oakland, a programmer for Information Systems.

"The HASS-D and PE lotteries are running exactly the same," Oakland said.

The HASS-D lottery will not send e-mail with the results, Oakland said. That feature was removed last year after it experienced problems.

Oakland said that next semester, the lottery should be available through the World Wide Web.

"We're hoping that we'll have it up and running for the spring term," he said.

The whole program will be integrated into the preregistration process on the web Student Information System. Students will enter the lottery on the Web, and the program will automatically preregister them for their first choice, Oakland said.

Although there is a link to the lottery in the current WebSIS format, it does not actually run the lottery. "Currently, it just shows a page with instructions for how to run it on Athena," Oakland said.

The actual HASS-D offerings have not changed significantly since last year, said Bette K. Davis, coordinator of the HASS office.

Typically, the number of students that get their first choice is 83 to 91 percent of the total who enter the lottery, Davis said. "The vast majority of of HASS-Ds are not overenrolled."

The same courses are expected to be oversubscribed, she said. These include Writing and Reading the Essay (21W735), Harmony and Counterpoint I (21M301), and Introduction to Psychology (9.00), Davis said.

Like last year, only one section of 21W735 will be offered. Before that, there were three oversubscribed sections, Davis said. This year, it will be very oversubscribed.

Reaction to the new lecturer for 9.00, Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Steven Pinker, who started last year, seems to have been positive, and the class will still be the largest HASS course at MIT, Davis said.

There will be 14 teaching assistants, each with two sections of 13

students, making 364 students total, Davis said. Even so, it will almost certainly be oversubscribed, she said.

The HASS-D lottery may be activated by typing "add hass-d" and then "xenroll &" from an Athena terminal. The same command will display students' assignments after the lottery is complete.

The deadline for entries is noon on Tuesday, which is Registration Day. The results will definitely be available by midnight and possibly earlier.

PE lottery sees few changes

The PE lottery has not changed this year in any significant way, said Candace L. Royer, director of physical education.

The only change in course offerings is that there will be no pistol classes this quarter, although they will resume next quarter, she said.

Royer said that some classes are typically very popular, like sailing, aerobics, tennis, and weight training. Conversely, some activities, like swimming and table tennis, usually have many open slots.

Students may run the PE lottery by typing "add pelott" and then "xphedu &" from an Athena terminal.

The results of the lottery will be available before midnight next Wednesday, the day the lottery closes.



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Messaging System Proves an Ineffective Fraternity Rush Tool

Rush, from Page 1

others benefitted from the errors.

Fenway House said that this rush has gone slowly. Christopher D. Beland '00, rush chair for Fenway, said "part of that might have been [because Fenway events were omitted from] *The Daily Confusion*."

Pika rush chair Nathan J. Williams '98 said that rush went "very well for us." He attributed part of his success to the fact that other ILGs that compete with Pika did not get their events advertised in *The Daily Confusion*, he said.

Dorow said that the problems with *The Daily Confusion* "did affect several houses that depend more on *The Daily Confusion*."

Members of Student House, some of whose activities were also dropped, and Fenway House collaborated to print and distribute an addendum, said Erin R. Schuster '98, rush chair for Student House.

FMS not effective

The majority of rush chairs contacted said that the new Freshman Messaging System was not effective as a rush tool.

"I don't think a lot of freshmen know about the system," Schuster said. Jefferey C. Munro '99, assistant rush chair for Phi Sigma Kappa agreed, saying, "most [freshmen] were uninformed about the system."

Anuj Mohan '98, rush chair for Alpha Delta Phi, said that the sys-

tem was "helpful in some cases." Timpe concurred, saying "if you could contact freshmen [the system] was good."

Christopher L. Williams '98, rush chair for Theta Xi, said that the house used only half of its quota on the messaging system.

Other factors affect rush

The poor weather for Killian Kick-Off caused a slow early rush for some groups, but the move to Johnson did not appear to have many lasting negative effects.

Dennis E. Okon '99, rush chair of Pi Lambda Phi, said the "rain Friday didn't help at all. Johnson wasn't the same as Killian Court."

Several fraternities said that summer activities helped their rush. Lee D. Frankenfield '98, rush chair for Delta Kappa Epsilon said that their rush "went well" partly due to being effective in the summer rush activities. Kixmoeller said that summer activities were helpful because they led to "not such a blind rush."

Noting that rush isn't yet over, Dorow said, "I think there are some pretty nice living groups that aren't getting the attention from freshmen that they deserve." He said that some of these houses will continue rushing through the week.

Josh Bittker, Susan Buchman, and Douglas E. Heimbarger contributed to the reporting of this story.

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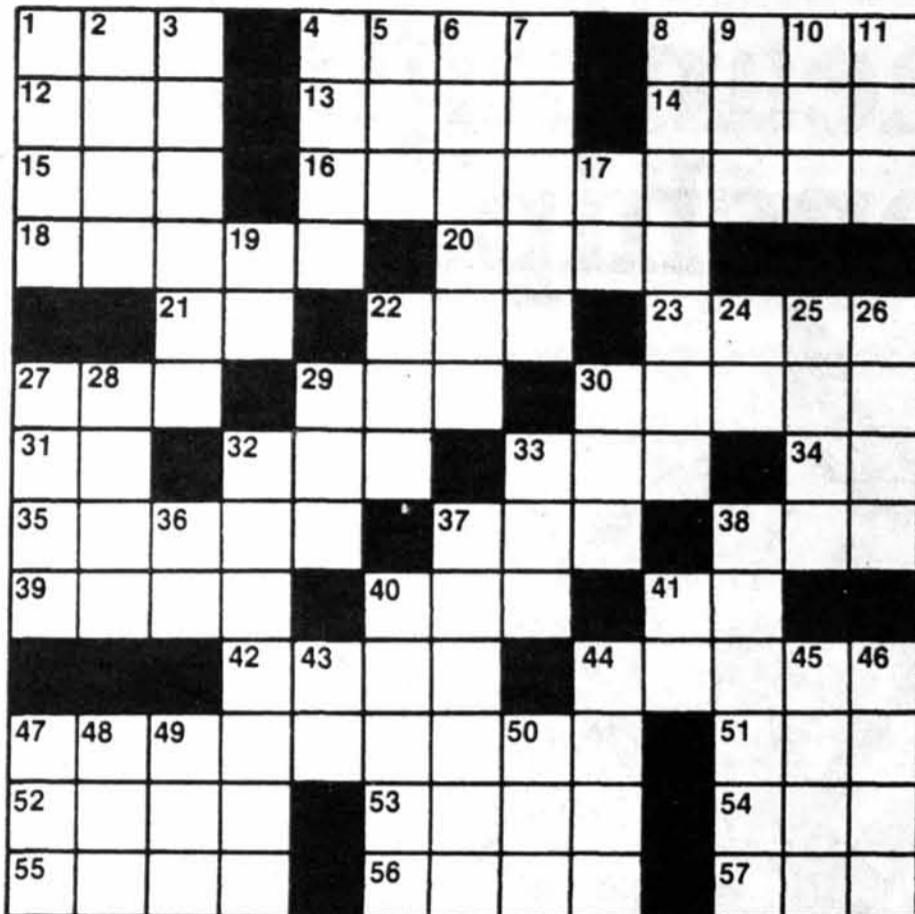
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4. Powder
8. Yield
12. Utah Indian
13. Native S. African plant
14. Averb
15. A lot (slang)
16. Running for office
18. Incadescent particle
20. Fair
21. Tellurium symbol
22. She
23. Ivy
27. Frozen water
29. Paddle
30. Discourage
31. Preposition
32. Play division
33. Damage
34. Yes (Spanish)
35. Select
37. Angry
38. Had supper
39. Plateau
40. Between dawn and dusk
41. Senior (abbr.)
42. One who works
44. Scraglio
47. Decide
51. Environment group (abbr.)
52. First man
53. Burden
54. Ready
55. Unable to talk
56. Church section
57. Golf implement

DOWN

1. Machine projections
2. On top
3. Engage in argument
4. Short nail
5. Winglike
6. Greater length
7. Tree
8. Dead body
9. A Gabor
10. Detachment (abbr.)
11. Ever (poetic)
17. Midwest state (abbr.)
19. Concerning
22. Head covering
24. Impersonal pronoun
25. Bird's home
26. Great lake
27. Article
28. Type of slaw
29. Month (abbr.)
30. Little bit
32. World of scholarship
33. Spring month
36. Einsteinium symbol
37. Place for a boat
38. Take into custody
40. Devil
41. South America (abbr.)
43. Either
44. Now
45. Fencing sword
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MIT Students Get In Free to Several Boston Attractions

Boston, from Page 1

War II amphibious vehicle. Students also visited the New England Aquarium.

As R/O winds down, freshmen still have the opportunity to join many other jaunts into the Boston area. In the next few days, students will be able to visit the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, the Boston Harbor Islands, the Arnold Arboretum, the North End, and the Museum of Science.

Activities subsidized by MIT

Those who missed the chance to explore Boston during R/O, still have many opportunities in the year ahead, some of which are subsidized by the Council of the Arts at MIT.

One program the council sponsors is free tickets for students to concerts given by the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Hall. During the BSO's season from September to May, students can get tickets for Thursday concerts at 8

p.m., Friday concerts at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday open rehearsals at 7:30 p.m., and Thursday open rehearsals at 10:30 a.m.

One caveat is that tickets may be obtained on the day of the concert only. Tickets may be obtained at the ticket booth upon presentation of a valid MIT ID. One person may get a limit of two tickets with two valid IDs. If there are less than 100 tickets available on the day of the performance, tickets will not be offered. Students can call the student information line for ticket availability at 638-9478.

The Council of the Arts also underwrites MIT's membership at the Museum of Fine Arts, said Susan R. Cohen, director of the Council of the Arts at MIT. Students can get free admission by presenting a valid MIT ID, Cohen said.

Students can also get into the Museum of Science free of charge with presentation of their valid MIT ID.

Academic Expo Gives Freshmen Information On Departments

Expo, from Page 1

wrong ideas in the difference between core subjects. One person was insistent on thinking there are some 'honors' classes; they are just different ways of thinking. If they don't show up [at the Core Blitz], they'll be the ones suffering," said Stallion E. Yang '99, academic Residence and Orientation Week co-chair.

"This is planned by students, for students," said Associate Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs Bonnie J. Walters. "It's focused to help freshmen make wise choices."

"The Core Blitz is meant to be kept to a minimum: what they need to know and think about as they plan their schedules for fall," Walters said.

"I think the reason for the Core Blitz is to encourage freshmen to

come by the Academic Expo later. You can't answer questions in a 10-minute talk, but you can provide a framework for questions; I'm breaking the ice for the Academic Expo," Munkres said.

Specifics addressed at Expo

"The Academic Expo is a place where the students can get their questions answered in more detail," Walters said.

"The Core Blitz is intended for basic questions, the Academic Expo is for more specific questions. It's also a chance for them to pick up information about their future majors," Walters said.

"Each department booth might also have [Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program] information, for people who are interested," said Academic R/O Co-chair Matthew L. McGann '00.

Besides featuring booths from

each department, the Academic Expo will also include representatives from the various freshman alternative programs, the Biomedical Engineering Minor Office, Pre-law and Pre-medical Advising, the Wellesley-MIT Exchange Program, the MIT Libraries, and the UROP Office, McGann said.

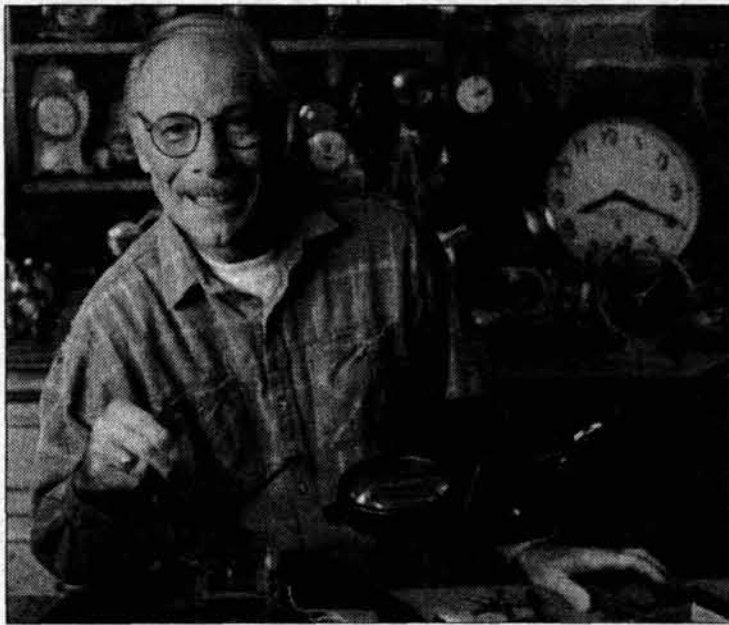
"I think people should pop in, take half an hour of their time and get some information. It gives them a good idea of what's going on, and lets them get acquainted with the subjects," McGann said.

"We would encourage freshmen to go to the Academic Expo; lots of times freshmen have lots of questions, and the Core Blitz only features the science core plus humanities," Walters said.

"It's important that freshmen go to the Academic Expo — it's one of the 'triple A's': activities, athletics, and academics," Yang said.

Just because something is old doesn't mean it isn't valuable.

I can relate to that. Maybe that's why I'm never in a rush with these old guys. Sanding out a dent here and there, restoring the gears...soon I'll have all the time in the world for them, just like they have for me. That's the beauty of



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MIT Chamber Music Society

First meeting & auditions: Tuesday, September 2, 7pm, Killian Hall. Prepared solo required of new members.

MIT Concert Band

Rehearsals: Monday & Wednesday, 8pm - 10pm, Kresge.
First Meeting: Wednesday, September 3, 8pm.
Read through Concert Band literature and group auditions.

MIT Concert Choir

Rehearsals: Monday & Thursday, 6pm - 8:30pm, Room 2-190. Auditions: Thursday, September 4, 6pm. Group auditions, no solo required.

MIT Chamber Chorus

Rehearsals: Monday & Wednesday 11am - 12:30pm, Killian Hall. Auditions: Wednesday, September 3, 11am. Prepared solo and sight-reading required.

MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble

Rehearsals: Sunday, 7pm - 11pm & Wednesday, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Kresge.
Auditions & audition sign-up: Wednesday, September 3, 5:30pm.
Improvisation preferred, sight-reading from jazz book required.

MIT Symphony Orchestra

Rehearsals: Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30pm - 10pm, Kresge.
First meeting: Thursday, September 4, 7:30pm.
Read through symphonic literature and audition sign up.

MITCAN African Music Ensemble

Rehearsals: Thursday, 7pm - 10pm. First meeting: Thursday, September 4, World Music Center, N52, 7pm.

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The Daily Confusion Wednesday, August 27, 1997

Residence

All day: **Epsilon Theta** CONSPIRACY THEORIES! Esteemed Professor Dan Castellano, former King of Pop, explains the most up-to-date conspiracy theories. We regret to inform you that Professor Gould, former Regent of Soda, is boycotting the discussion on the grounds that his conspiracies are not 'theories.' We apologize for any inconvenience.*

All day: **pika** pika: we're always on. we're just hanging out here, doing the dew. gulp from the new wide-mouth cans or just relax in the living room. no pressure, we're all tired too. call 492-6983 for a ride.*

10:22a: **Epsilon Theta**. Come get a tour of Women's Head!

10:23a: **Epsilon Theta**. Let Daniel give you a tour of Men's Head!

10:24a: **Epsilon Theta**. Oh, why be exclusionary...*

10:25a: **Epsilon Theta**. How many people pay attention to the number of asterisks that follows each of these silly little entries?*

5:00p: **New House**. In-House rush BEGINS! Find out what the individual houses are like and decide which one's right for you—remember, you're living next to/sharing bathrooms with these people for @ least a term, so you may as well start getting to know them now. (Detailed schedules are @ our front desk. Come by and pick one up!)*

8:00p: **New House**. in-coming New House residents!!! Find out what the individual houses are like and decide which one's right for you—remember, you're living next to/sharing bathrooms with these people for @ least a term, so you may as well start getting to know them now— we have food and things to do, so come by, pickup an in-house rush schedule @ desk, and have fun!*

Activities

All day: **United Christian R/O**. What is Christianity really all about? Come get a free Bible and find out at the **United Christian R/O Book Table**, in the Student Center Lobby.*

All day: **The Tech**. Come watch and learn how to put together The Tech, MIT's oldest and largest newspaper. Be the first to read tomorrow's Tech. Fourth floor of the Student Center, Room 483.*

5:11a: **Assassins' Guild**. No, we're not actually running anything at 5 in the morning, but if you're bored Friday night, show up on the first floor of

building 36 at 7:30 to play Alien Conspiracy-tm MAHKS- You'll shoot us. We'll shoot you. It'll be a bonding experience.

10:00a: **United Christian R/O**. Yo Christian! Wanna hang? Wanna pray? Grab a piece of fellowship from the Christian Fellowship Lounge (W11-080). Open till 10 pm.*

10:37a: **Coffee House**. Just met your advisor? Need a drink? Come get coffee, soda, juices, water, and other yummy stuff at the Coffeehouse.*

10:37a: **Coffee House**.

12:00p: **Cross Products**. Cross Products, MIT's co-ed Christian a cappella group, is holding auditions from noon to 4pm today! Please email Bryan (bcbblue@mit.edu) or call Tony (225-9815) to schedule a time, or visit us at Activities Midway!

12:00p: **The Tech**. Come eat free food at The Tech and watch how MIT's oldest and largest newspaper is planned out and put together. Fourth floor of the Student Center, Room 483.*

1:00p: **United Christian R/O**. I don't have a roommate yet! You too? Maybe we can help each other at the **United Christian Find Your Roommate** activity in the CFL (W11-080).*

3:00p: **United Christian R/O**. Christian faculty at MIT? No way! If you don't believe me, come to **United Christian R/O Meet the Christian Faculty** at the CFL (W11-080).*

5:30p: **Hillel**. Dinner: Pasta, Pasta, Pasta?, free for new students, at Hillel(W11)*

5:30p: **Chinese Bible Fellowship**. Free Food! Warm and Cold Free Food! The **Chinese Bible Fellowship and Chinese Christian Fellowship Sushi Dumpling Night** will feed ya spiritually and physically. Come on by the Next House Country Kitchen. Ends at 8pm.*

8:00p: **United Christian R/O**. Praise the Lord and iam with other Christians at the **UC R/O Praise Night** in 10-250.*

8:00p: **The Tech**. Come watch The Tech's production department put together tomorrow's issue. See what goes into laying out MIT's oldest and largest newspaper, and read tomorrow's Tech before your friends do. Fourth floor of the Student Center, Room 483.*

10:37a: **Coffee House**. One more minute until tomorrow...why not spend it at the Coffeehouse?*

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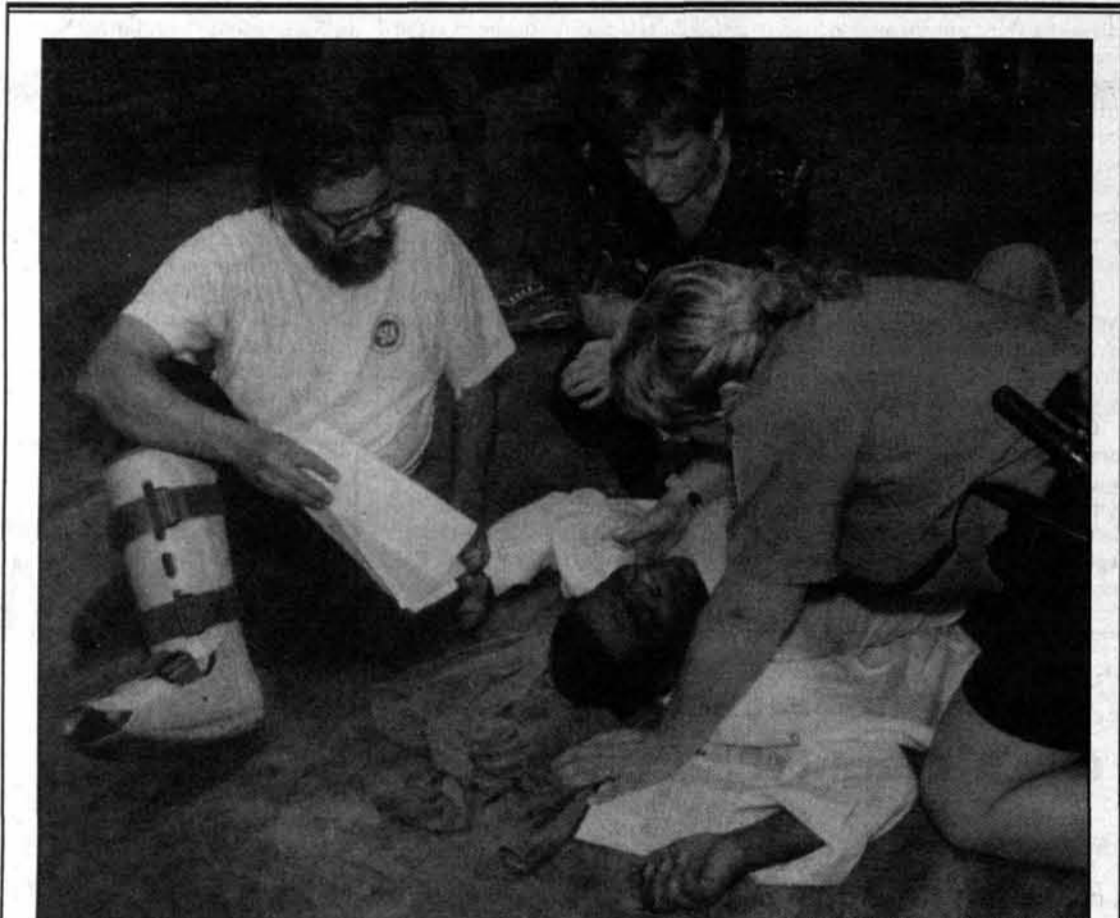
The following events were omitted from the R/O Committee Daily Confusion. They are all for Fenway House and are printed here courtesy The Tech.

All day: Tie-Dyeing! We still have dye, T-shirts and socks. 437-1043 for a ride.
 8:56 a.m. Make an impression! Belgian waffles for breakfast, batter provided. Limit 200 per person. Call for a ride. 437-1043
 9:26 a.m. Nothing starts a morning off like - Cruft!
 11:13 a.m. Omphaloskepsis. Find out! 437-1043
 1:50 p.m. Ramen noodles and frozen pasta-

Lunch lameness at Fenway! Call for a ride. 437-1043
 3:00 p.m. Candlepin bowling, more balls for the buck. 437-1043 for a ride.
 4:44 p.m. Haze the upperclassmen! 437-1043
 6:45 p.m. Dinner Time! Who'll we have tonight...
 8:48 p.m. More fun, games and witty banter. 437-1043
 8:36 a.m. Grumpy sleeping bodies.
 11:11 a.m. It's an incredible flaming Poptart! Come share our culinary delight!
 Call for a ride. 437-1043
 2:22 p.m. Inu no oto!!! Come learn Hawaiian.
 3:33 p.m. Sarcasm at Fenway. Call for a snide. 437-1043
 4:44 p.m. IHOP, yes?

5:55 p.m. Boy Tox opening! Stone throwing Hercules! EarthQuaker Rubber Ball (TM)! Oversize coloring books! Oh no - where is the Jumpig Flog??
 7:47 p.m. Dramatic Readings from the Sysco Catalog. "bnls skls chkn brst." Ah, the humanity!

The Daily Confusion printed here is missing many events due to an R/O Committee error. Additional events are listed in an addendum, but this list is neither complete nor accurate.



Samuel Christian, an MIT Dining Services chef, made a full recovery after collapsing yesterday during the Activities Midway in the Johnson Athletics Center. An ambulance was called in to the center to assist.

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