New R/O Messaging System May Change

By Douglas E. Heimburger

A proposed change to the Freshman Messaging System may limit freshmen to receiving messages only from dormitory terminals.

In addition, a quota may be imposed on the number of messages an independent Living Group may send per day, and messages sent by ILGs may expire after a certain length of time.

The limitations on the number of messages sent from those other than Institute officials are designed to prevent freshmen from sending messages in mass to freshmen.

The quota will be high enough to send messages to freshmen that they're interested in, but low enough to prevent mass e-mail.

Jablonski Leaving RCA in August To Accept Faculty Spot at UMass

By Dan McGuire

Jablonski, who has been with MIT for up to another year as a consultant, working a "few days a month" on the Summer Renovations Project, will be available to work "full time" on the new project.

Jablonski's departure will also allow the Dean's office to examine the position, said Dean of Students Margaret R. Bates, "in a methodical way... to figure out how to shape our Replacement Expectations.

No replacement expected soon.

Officials said that there was no plan to contract out for a replacement right now. "We're going to make an interim arrangement," said Margaret R. Bates, dean for student life. "We're not going to do a search for a person at this time.

Part of the problem is that there is not enough time before the year begins to find a replacement, she said. In addition, the fact that Jablonski will be close enough to MIT to provide some support makes the need for a replacement less urgent.

The current plan is to distribute Jablonski's chores among other staff in the office. "It will be a series of people... in the next few weeks, it will become clear how her tasks will be distributed," Bates said.

Jablonski's departure will also allow the Dean's office to examine the position, said Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education Ronald H. Williams. "Instead of offering an immediate replacement, we're looking at all of the options... to figure out how to shape it for the long haul," added Bates. However, "that's serendipitous," she added. "It's an unintended coincidence.

Construction workers closed the lobby to Building 16 last week, shutting off one of the key routes to Building 26 and the buildings along Vassar Street. The lobby will remain closed until March, when Building 16 is scheduled to reopen.

"There's just a lot of work" to be done in that area, necessitating its closure, said Beacon Construction Project Manager Nancy Joyce.

"There's an elevator that's going in there" to connect Lobby 16 and Lobby 8 and to allow for handicap access, among other projects taking place in the area.

In September, a new underground tunnel will open to connect Building 8 to Building 26, Joyce said. It will serve as the primary access route until the lobby reopens.

"I think it'll be okay, it'll just be awkward" for those usually accustomed to walking through the other floors of Building 16, she said.

Hong Kong Changeover Met Differently in Former Colony and Mainland China

By Shang-Lin Chuang

The return of Hong Kong to China after 156 years of British colonial rule ranks as one of the most important historical events of the decade, and being a person of Chinese descent, I jumped at the chance to visit Hong Kong during this period of transition. I was abroad for 17 days, spending the last part of my trip in v a r i o u s parts of China and arriving at my final destination of Hong Kong on July 15, just two weeks into the new period of Chinese rule.

Upon arriving at my first destina- tion, Shanghai's international airport, I was immediately greeted by signs joyfully proclaiming the impending handover. On major streets, government buildings, private businesses, hotels, restaurants, and even buses were more signs "celebrating and welcoming the return of Hong Kong to the mother- land," I saw signs promising the bright future that Hong Kong would have and which celebrating the conclusion of more than one hundred years of national shame, and expressing the joy of the Chinese people.

Signs on the street made out of flowers, concerts featuring famous singers, elegies sprinkled out by lights strung in trees, firework displays, and signs written on the sides of buildings announcing discounts on clothing, food, and hotel rates to celebrate the occasion. It made me feel like I was in the middle of Times Square on New Year's Eve.

As one who was born and raised in Taiwan, I had mixed feelings about the handover. Taiwan, home of the Nationalist Chinese government that fled China after the 1949 Communist Revolution, is considered a renegade province by China. I couldn't get the common saying "First Hong Kong, then Macau, and next is Taiwan" out of my mind. Macau is a Portuguese colonial province near Hong Kong, mainly known for its casinos and entertain- ment, that will revert to Chinese control in December, 1999.

Having lived outside of China all my life, I've developed a healthy skepticism of the Chinese government. I was not entirely con-vinced by the 'joyous feelings expressed by everyone. But the local residents I met and the odalis of food were genuine.

All of the ten or so local guides who led us during the trip were very excited about the handover. It was usually one of the first things they talked about: about how great it is that Hong Kong is finally returning to China, about how happy everyone is, about how much of a cele- bration there will be.

Chinese excited about change

I spent the pivotal night of June 30 in Shanghai, a city in the Anhui Province about 250 miles west of Shanghai. I attended a cele- bration hosted by my hotel complete with dancing, singing, many television crews, and a great deal of jubilation.

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Tomorrow: Cloudy, rainy, 68°F (20°C)

Two months after a comprehensive U.S. study severely criticized Switzerland for its role in Nazi-plundered gold, Congressional opponents are pressing onshore winds. Low 63°F (17°C) light rain will move in from south and west. High near 68°F (20°C)

Crime Swamps Brazilian Cities as Police Go on Strike

In chaotic days in this beachside metropolis, the daily homicide rate has tripled. Eight banks have been robbed. Gangs have run wild, expending on rape through掳 without holding back. Police shooting gun. And no one is obeying the traffic laws.

Recife, a city of 2 million in the poor northeast of Brazil, has been like an island. Peninsulas have been cut off and toward the coast Brazil swathed by a rash of police strikes that have caused a national crisis. Army troops have been sent to keep the peace, but the 3,000 soldiers have been unable to do the job of 18,000 metro-area police officers out on strike, and gangs of roaming bandits were musing Recife on the outskirts of the city, terrorizing citizens.

Cunanan’s Hometown Tense as Gay Pride Parade Approaches

The FBI and San Diego police Tuesday sought to calm fears in the gay community here that suspected murder of Ami Joseph Conroy may be connected to next Saturday’s Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade with murder on his mind.

But there is an extraordinary amount of fear out there that he’s coming back to continue killing,” said Sgt. Mike Cash, the police department’s liaison with the gay community. “We’ve been trying to do everything we can to dispel rumors and make sure everyone feels safe at the parade and can have fun.”

Police will have uniformed officers, undercover officers, and the heroes whom we have been glorifying for years. Police of the usual activities of the church, the church was joined by the Vatican’s pipelin...
In Letter, Arney Disavows Role in Failed Gingrich Coup Effort

By Janet Hook

WASHINGTON

House Majority Leader Dick Arney, under fire for allegedly abetting an effort to oust Speaker Newt Gingrich, Tuesday insisted he did not support the attempted coup but pointed an accusatory finger at other GOP leaders.

"Never have I said that I was in favor of any plan to remove the speaker," Arney said in a letter to his colleagues. But for the first time clearly identifying what he meant by "abettors," he indicated he believed other GOP leaders conspired with the attempt to oust Gingrich.

Although he did not mention anyone by name, the letter intensifies focus on House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, who has repeatedly said publicly on his role in the plotting but continued Tuesday to insist that he would not resign from the leadership over the matter.

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Letters To The Editor

Grade Mailing Story Mislead Readers

The article "Registration Accidentally Sent Grades to Parents" [June 25] was misleading in two respects.

First, the Registrar's Office did not send student grade reports to parents. The reports were addressed in the students' names. It has been MIT policy for many years to send grades only to students, not their parents.

The Registrar's Office maintains two grade addresses for students: a term address and a home address. Normally, spring grades are sent to grades to the term address and to undergraduate students at the home address. A student did, however, request an alternate temporary address for the mailing of this grade report. This temporary address has an expiration date and is associated with it. The time was earlier than we assumed and so the mailing defaulted to the home addresses for 187 students.

Second, MIT Student Information System database programmers did not make any changes to the problems sending the reports. The Registrar's Office works with the MIT/SIS programs, but the responsibility for the data and use of these programs resides with the Registrar's Office.

It is important that students be reaffirmed in their understanding that grades were not and are not sent to parents.

Elizabeth Bradley, Associate Registrar
Mary Callahan, Assistant Registrar
Constance Scribner, Associate Registrar

Pundits Should Cynicism over Weld

Column by Anders Hove

Political courage, however tame, is rare in this country that columnists and commentators don't quite know how to do what we're trying to see it. I'm talking about last week's fifth episode with Bill Weld. Here's a man whose name... and, as usual, the puns can do is sit back and allow him to sit back. What's up with that?

Here's a little review of the Weld dossier. He'd been idling on the fast lane to Mexico City for one too many weeks, held hostage by Senator Jesse Helms. Helms refused to even call a hearing on Weld's appointment as ambassador to Mexico, calling him "soft on drugs." Soft, in this case, means approval of medicinal use of marijuana.

Nevermind that ambassadors should be diplomats, not policymaking or law enforcement positions. After all, it's clear that Weld's motives have nothing to do with drugs and Mexico.

First, there's the ideological differences. Helms is a rabid, right-wing prick who can't stand Weld's relatively tolerant stands on gay rights and abortion. Helms undoubtedly saw this as his chance to take Weld off the list of contenders aiming to capture the soul of the Republican party.

There's the grudge factor. Weld resigned from the Justice Department in disgust when Edwin Meese III, then Attorney General, was a right-wing poster child. Here's a situation sent in, and then remembered now, as a betrayal of Ronald Reagan. As Richard Nixon taught us, if there's anything an elephant never forgets, it's a stab in the back. Helms to Weld: Take that, Brutus!

Lastly, there's the temperamental differences. On one side you've got a crotchety, Southern goober who has founded his entire political career on denouncing elite liberalism in its disguise, from Fluoride-treated water to Martin Luther King's birthday. And on the other side you've got a young, soft-spoken, Harvard-educated Cantabrigian who has spent his life placating the very liberal elites the other side despises. Now, it should hardly surprise anyone the two don't exactly mesh on each other in the Senate cloakroom.


"The only thing he can do is play to his own constituents in Massachusetts by creating a bogeyman in Jesse Helms," Stephen Hess, a Brookings Institution fellow quoted in the July 18 Globe article, concurred. "Nobody can claim Weld is fighting the good fight for moderate Republicans."

There you have it: Weld's move is an outburst," The Boston Globe, July 18, 1997.

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Family Antics Only Prove You Can't Go Home Again

Column by Stacey E. Blau

Mother: Laundry? Really, you did? Uh-huh, tell me about it.

Aunt: One Jewish? Am I the only one at a damn near amphetamine-driven pace.

Mother: She's never hungry. She hasn't eaten in days.

Aunt: None of them eat. They go to college and eat a few things and then they eat and eat. Grandma: That's right. They go through on junk.

Mother: When in the world did she ever eat. She says, 'Food shopping'? I'm too busy. I don't even want to think about what she eats when she's up there.

Aunt: Well, you have to eat something. Stacey. We're going to be very upset if you don't have something. Look at the time — it's time for lunch.

Grandma: Please, Stacey. Have something for me. Have cantaloupe. You don't have to be hungry to have cantaloupe.

Later, on before a family junit over the sprawl.

Mother: Stacey, go to the bathroom. I don't have to go.

Mother: You shouldn't go or you'll have to go to the bathroom.

Mother: I am 21 years old. I can decide on my own when I need to go to the bathroom.

Mother: Oooookaaaaay, Stacey. You don't need to get yourself in a tizzy about it.

I was a drinker, I think I would have had a couple of shots of something and then a few more on the plane home, maybe followed later by a handful of Valium. But I don't drink, and I would not have had the heart to get Valium at the drugstore and take from the truly needy.

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Given the water emergency I began to ask, but given the circumstances, but given the circumstances, but given the circumstances, but given the circumstances, but given the circumstances...

MIT is trying to set an example for the rest of eastern Massachusetts with its extravagant watering? Did re-engineering attack wasteful uses of resources in the dead of winter and therefore overlooked the sprinkler system? I have a funny feeling the answer to both questions is no. The waste is not planned, it is not intentional.

I have some familiarity with the water and average infrastructure of the greater metropolitan Boston area. I know that the water rates charged by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to the 43 communities to which it provides water are the highest in the nation because of the Boston Water and Sewerage Commission. I also know that in most cases, Cambridge does not receive water from the MWRA and does not have to pay the same high rates for its water as the communities around it. It is therefore perhaps cheaper for MIT to wastefully water than it is for another school in Boston.

But this isn't really an excuse. As I look at it, there are a few things that should be done to eliminate some of this waste. Watering could be done at one of the hottest and driest times of the day — right before dawn or right before dusk, when there is not very much of the amount of greenery on this campus without causing a significant drop in the water pressure. Perhaps this could be a move for an option for many grassy areas on campus. But whatever is decided, MIT should not be watering the lawns 24 hours a day it is now.

I should also stop watering its sidewalks, gravel, and streets. There must be ways to create more efficient watering patterns with the sprinklers. If they can drip irrigate large portions of some deserts, why can't MIT be more efficient in its water use? Wasting water is inefficient. There is only a limited supply of water available for use, and it can be economically and environmentally costly to waste the resource. Given to MIT, MIT proves itself as an efficient institution of learning, can't we do any better on watering the lawns?
This space donated by The Tech

Building 16 Architecture To Be Consistent With 56

Renovations, from Page 1

Construction is currently pro-
gressing, Joyce said. Contractors have
installed drywall on many of the
upper floors, while the lower floors
are being used to sort and store
parts being used in the upper floors.
New exterior walls are cur-
rently being installed on the eighth
floor.

The renovated Building 16 will architected similar to Building
56, Joyce said. "We're trying to
make the buildings seamless" since
many offices are housed in both
buildings.

The story of the building will feature an expanded vending
machine area, and possibly a few
department. We have lots more
hed in the summer of 1998, Joyce
said. Fishbowl Becomes Service Center

Over the last few months, the first floor of Building 11 has been turned into a center of student ser-
vice.

Construction workers are cur-
rently in the process of putting the finishing touches on the main
Student Services Center, which is scheduled to open on August 18.

Computers and other equipment will soon be moved into the center as staff begin their training in
August, said Hillary H. DeBaun, a team leader in the Office of the Dean in Student Services.

The lobby of the building will
be complete and usable in the coming academic year, said R. Callahan, assistant registrar for
facilities and scheduling.

"We began to work in earnest in the room," said Callahan, "at Commencement," he said. The
room is getting new walls, chalk-
boards, lighting, heating and cooling systems, and tables and chairs.

The computer area will feature permanent video projectors as well as overhead projectors, Callahan
said. "There will be a light in the room to set up to allow projection from
the computers brought into the
classrooms.

"The remaining two rooms will be outfitted with furniture and
workstations" connected to the video projectors as well as a computer for every student seat. These
classrooms will not be ready for the fall semester, Callahan said.

"We're trying to determine the best furniture" to make the comput-
er unobtrusive to the teaching process.

The remaining eight classrooms, though, are on schedule to be
completed by the first day of classes, Callahan said. "I haven't heard
to the contrary," she said.

Because of the expense of the new equipment, the rooms will be
locked at night like the new class-
rooms in Building 56, Callahan
said.

Remodeling Floods Building 2

Remodeling at the Office of the Corporation caused major hassles for those at the Institute on Friday,
June 27, when a construction work-
er demolishing a wall broke a sprinkler pipe.

Water from the pipe spilled
down through the floor and into the
office of Undergraduate Academic
Affairs, and forced an evacuation of the Infinite Corridor from Building 11 through the Lobby of Building 7
for much of that day, said Kim Ann Sutherland, construction manager for Physical Plant.

"We were certainly worried about the weight of the water and
debits," said Chief of Campus Police Anne P. Glavin. "It took the entire
department to ensure the safety of the area while the clean-up efforts began. Ceiling tiles had fallen
in many of the offices, and the
ceiling was soaked.

Those who worked in the offices where the flooding occurred lost
main personal items, according to
Elizabeth J. Cogliano, coordinator of student programs. "I lost a lot of
stuff that you just can't just put a value on," she said.

Still, the offices were made hab-
able over the weekend. "The way
[of the office] looked on Friday and the way it looked on Monday was nothing like and day," Cogliano
said.

"We had a contractor come in and desirorise the carpeting and
depose the floors," said Robert L. Donaghey, manager of personnel and administration for physical
plant. Metro West, who was doing the construction, replaced the dam-
gaged ceiling tiles in the offices.

"Had [the flood] happened a week earlier, we would have been in
touble," Cogliano said. The packets of information for incoming fresh-
man were stored in the office and were mailed a few days before the
flood.

Fortunately, the flood occurred during the summer, Glavin said.
"As it was, there were a lot of 
complainers and a lot of questions." Clint control during the academic year would have been much more hard-

Handover Extravaganza A Television Event

Hong Kong, from Page 1

Like many other tourists and
local residents, I tuned in to the
72 hour continuous coverage of the
day on television. The broad-
cast included a live coverage of
the ceremony and concerts held in cel-
bration of the event and interviews with people from around the
world, Hong Kong, Great Britain, Taiwan,
Australia, and many other countries.

Those interviewed all expressed the same sentiment: they were very
much in favor of the handover and optimistic about Hong Kong's
future with China.

Some of us in the tour group, including myself, doubted the valid-
ity of these interviews, especially
given the warnings with which peo-
ple around the world were watching
the handover. All coverage about the handover was controlled by the
government and the same news
broadcasts aired on eight of the ten
available channels.

Attitudes differ in Hong Kong

We arrived in Hong Kong on
July 13. There were some signs celebrating the handover, but sig-
ificantly less than there had been in
China. Our tour guide, Johnny, a
Hong Kong resident, explained that there was nothing significant changed since the handover, not even
the uniform of the airport
employees. Only thing like the
name of the Hong Kong Royal
Jockey Club had been changed. It
is now simply the Hong Kong
Jockey Club.

Johnny did point out how the people in Hong Kong dislike the Bank of China building. Chinese
type people tend to be superstitious and the fact that the bank building, the
tallest building in Hong Kong, is
shaped like a dagger has fostered
some worries. They think that this
dagger, located in the heart of
Hong Kong, is cutting the city
apart. The fact that the building is
owned by the government only
heightens their perception of hid-
doom meanings.

Despite this, life in Hong Kong
continued as it always had. People
went about their daily business.
There was some tension, though. Unlike in China, where
feelings were extremely open, it
was very difficult for us to get any-
one in Hong Kong to tell us their
opinion of the handover. People in
general seemed to not want to think about the event, nor about the
effects it is having and will have in
their lives.

This superstition and the peo-
ple's actions demonstrate their
views toward China. They don't
like the handover and the possible
effects on the country and human
rights, but they have learned to deal
with it. There is nothing they can
do, so they are not going to fight it.
People who can leave the coun-
try have already left and others will
never want to think about the event.

One interesting idea on the signi-
ficance of the handover came from
Marvin, a member of my tour
group who was born in China but
spent time in Hong Kong and
Taiwan, and now lives in the U.S. "Of
course Hong Kong will change.
How could it not?" he said. "Many people feel that the Chinese handover depends on the Chinese gov-
ernment. I think instead the future
of Hong Kong depends on the Tai-
wanese government," he said.
"Hong Kong will be set up as a model for Taiwan to see. Hong
Kong depends on the new govern-
ment and the Chinese government
will be easy. Taiwan is the hard bat-
tle, and the Chinese government wants to show the world that Taiwan under its rule wouldn't be
so bad; just look at what is happen-
ing in Hong Kong."
Scenes of the Summer

Thomas C. Vale of St. Elmo's Fire demonstrates a levitating motor at last Sunday's Swapfest. (Above left)

MIT Juggling Club members practice juggling clubs outside Kresge Oval last Sunday. (Left)

A young visitor of MIT enjoys the view from the Harvest Chair, an art installation outside the Media Lab. (Above)

Jerome Wiesner, 13th President, Is Dead at 79

Deans Consider Moving All Undergrads to West Dorms

MITES Controversy Attracts National Media Attention

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Seniors Satisfied With Education

Only Half Pleased with Fresh Year

Clifford G. Shull Wins Physics Nobel Prize
POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between July 3 and 21:

July 8: Bldg. NW14, substance leaking from dumpster; Bldg. 18, 1) backpack stolen, $45; 2) backpack stolen, $45; Zeta Phi, graffiti.
July 4: Phi Beta Epsilon, wallet stolen, $25; Alpha Delta Phi, laptop stolen, $1,000; Phi Beta Kappa, backpack stolen, $15.
July 6: Bldg. 1, computer stolen, $3,700; Burton bike rack, bike stolen ($270; Bldg. 20, molotov cocktail thrown into a computer, contents destroyed). Bldg. 15, Apple laptop stolen, $1,000; Bldg. 18, bike parts stolen, $50; McCormick, annoying phone calls.
July 8: Hayden Library, camera stolen, $300; Bldg. 9, video camera stolen, $200; Bldg. 36, "The Brain" cartoon character items stolen, $70; Bldg. 7, wallet stolen, $85.
July 10: Alpha Tau Omega, laptop stolen, $5,000; Alexy, annoying phone calls: Herman garage bike cage, bike stolen, $100; MacGregor, 1) cash stolen, $200 2) cash stolen, $125; Vassar Street, vehicle stolen, recovered elsewhere; Rotch Library, assault and battery.
July 19: Bldg. 6, backpack stolen, $250; Bldg. 20, malicious damage; Bldg. 37, backpack/pocketbook stolen.
July 21: Boston Police arrest two fraternity members at 536 Beacon St., Boston.

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Margaret Jablonski reflects on three years at MIT

By Dan McGuire

"A lot of people who are administra-
tors teach at one point, and vice-versa," said Margaret A. Jablonski, departing Dean for Residence and Campus Activities. "It's very common for practitioners, such as deans, to go to the faculty," she added.

Jablonski will be leaving MIT in about three weeks to do just that. She will be moving to the University of Massachusetts, Amherst to become a faculty position at the School of Education. In fact, she is slated to work with the team planning the year, returning a few days a month part-time for the next academic year. "Because I'm still teaching a few days a month, I'm not sure where I'll be physically housed," she said.

Jablonski leaves her position with a good record, although she notes that her time at RCA has been busy. "I think it's always been in transition," she said. "It's only been in the last six months that things started to calm down.

Nevertheless, during her time she has put to real achievements. "In the last year I played a very belated role in helping get the housing project to a point," she said. "We've had many single-sex suites, including the gay, lesbian, and transgender working group established. I think that it will end up as a difference in gay and lesbian students at MIT," she said.

Jablonski reflects on MIT housing

"Housing remains a difficult matter at the Institute, which does not have the luxury of the number of its graduate and undergraduate students. It depends on independent housing groups to provide additional undergraduate housing. Graduate students are responsible for their own housing and many must find housing off campus.

Graduate students may see some improvements as plans for a new dorm continue to be debated. "Do that we do still have a major problem of... housing," Jablonski said. "We're working with plans to build a new dorm for graduate students at the Massachusetts Avenue, which will have 200 additional beds in the first building at the site.

Undergraduate housing sometimes proved more difficult, though, because of the constraints of the under the Housings system operates. Since the success of Rush was McCormick Hall, so Jablonski said. "We're working to open a dialog with other dormitory governments to find more single-sex beds.

We have more single-sex suites. We were able to work with the Room Assignment Chairs to get single-sex housing for the next time," she said. Jablonski said. "One system had some much-needed additional flexibility as a result of systemic changes. "You can opt for a single dorm if you want to," she said. Jablonski said. =

Margaret A. Jablonski

bookkeeping system for student group accounts a year ago, and also helped load weight towards allowing outside accounts for student organizations. "Student groups can have some confidence that their accounts are being managed properly," she said.

Jablonski leaves her position at MIT after the housing of a dormitory council which has been working to resolve disputes. "I think we've kind of accepted the idea of having 100 to 150 dorms crowded," she said. "I think it should be much fewer."

"I know not all students at this point... [agreed] and I know we had to make unpopular decisions about the use of Walker," she said. However, "I did support the policy that we are in," she said.

Throughout my tenure here I've had to make some difficult decisions," Jablonski said. "I've tried to be fair, but whenever you at MIT you may have a different perspective, and that's made it a challenge," she said.

By SINA

by going the way housing works at MIT. Our role is to resolve disputes -- the disputes that break out every year.

Party policy draws criticism

The revised party policy instituted in September 1996 followed the all-out event ban instituted after the shooting of a Northeastern student outside Walker Memorial in December 1995. The policies have been meet with anger by some student groups.

Under the new policy, major events at Walker may only be held if they meet a stringent list of conditions. "We had to make some concessions because we live in an urban environment," said Jablonski. "I think that we've done the best we can at this point," she added.

She said, "I know not all students at this point... [agreed] and I know we had to make unpopular decisions about the use of Walker," she said. However, "I did support the policy that we are in," she said.

Throughout my tenure here I've had to make some difficult decisions," Jablonski said. "I've tried to be fair, but whenever you at MIT you may have a different perspective, and that's made it a challenge," she said.
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Assistant Dean for Residence and Campus Activities, Neal H. Dorow, who advises fraternities, was out of town and could not be reached for contact.

System to be simple, easy to use
While the features of the system are still under development, the FMS will be easy for incoming freshman to learn, Chan said.

"We’re designing the system under the assumption that freshman won’t have Athena accounts or won’t be familiar enough with [Athena] to use it" for messaging.

The messaging system will feature only one-way communication to the freshman. "It’s not an electronic mail system."

Security on the system will be maintained through passwords issued to freshman when they arrive on campus. "The messages sent will be as secure as any messages sent over the Internet," Chan said.

Still, the system will not be used if especially important messages are received at the RIO center. "If there are any urgent messages, the [Campus Police] will hand-deliver them," said Chan.

The FMS will include terminals located near each dormitory’s desk and messaging when freshmen check into ILGs. Freshman will not be required to check their messages. Still, "we’ve thought of every possible thing to get freshman to check their messages," Chan said.

Frank Dabek contributed to the reporting of this story.

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Clearinghouse exists to track the location of freshman during Rush and to prevent Rush violations.

Still, messages sent from R/O workers or administration officials over the FMS will appear when freshman are checked into Clearinghouse in an ILG.

ILG opinions differ on system
Many living groups said that the proposed limitations on the FMS would not be cumbersome. "It’s not necessary to use the FMS between the fraternities because… the IFC has rules regarding phone messaging and there’s a decorum behind it," said Rodriguez.

"Since freshman don’t normally go back to dorms they might not get a message for the entire Rush," said Zeta Psi Rush chair Christopher R. Laughman ’99, who felt that the changes could have a negative effect on the system.

"I don’t think [the changes] could affect my house very much... we don’t do a very hard rush," said Student House Rush chair Aimee K. Han ’98.

Benjamin J. Moeller ’99, rush chair for Phi Sigma Kappa, said that the system "would definitely be more useful than the system last year" when dorms didn’t participate in Clearinghouse.

"There are some effects but it’s not a major thing... a lot of time we try to talk to [freshman] in person or on the phone" said Delta Upsilon Assistant Rush chair Jeffrey L. Steinheider ’99.
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