Despite Rain, Frost Take Jaunt In the City

By Dan McGuire

Heavy rain yesterday evening drenched the first annual Thursday Night in the City program in Kresge Oval, causing headaches and logistical problems with what was already a new program.

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Downpour Forces Project MOYA, Barbecue Inside

By Douglas E. Reinberger

Thursday's rain, ranging from a fine mist to a torrential downpour, had limited effects on the first day of Residence and Orientation Week, according to Elizabeth L. Choglan, coordinator of student programs in the Office of the Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education and a MOY A director of RIO. "We thought it would effect freshman checking in because of rain and cancelled flights," Coglano said. However, only about 30 freshmen had failed to check in by 4 p.m. at the R/O Center. This number is "right on target," she said.

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Frosh Enjoy MOYA

Despite Move Inside

By Zareena Hussain

"It never rains when the freshman arrive," said Stuart Schmeil '96 who aided with project Move Off Your Assumptions '96. But that was last year. Yesterday, for the first time in seven years, Project Move Off Your Assumptions, which normally begins in Kresge Oval and migrates to Briggs Field, was moved inside because of rain.

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The Weather

Today: Cloudy, clearing, 78°F (26°C)
Tonight: Clearing, 60°F (16°C)
Tomorrow: Party sunny, 77°F (25°C)
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NATO Curbs Hardliners by 'Stirring Up' Bosnian Politics

By Tracy Wilkinson

WASHINGTON POST

The American Medical Association, conceding that an agreement to endorse Sunbeam medical products had brought the group's credibility into question, said it would end support for a $15 million television campaign from the heavily criticized plan.

The AMA had made its decision on the basis of survey data and a meeting with company officials. The group had been running a $15 million television campaign since last fall.

Under plans announced Aug. 12, the AMA, one of the nation's most controversial medical groups, would end support for the television campaign. The AMA board of trustees voted to end the campaign.

The campaign was aimed at the 189 million people who watched the network in the United States. The AMA was concerned about the campaign's impact on the public's perception of medical care.

AAMA Spokeswoman Carol L. Matthewson said the group's decision was based on the AMA's commitment to the public's health and the need to ensure that medical information is accurate and trustworthy.

Other major medical groups have also ended support for the campaign. The American Medical Association and the American Academy of Family Physicians both announced plans to end support.

The AMA's decision was based on the group's own research, which showed that the campaign's message was confusing and did not address the public's concerns about medical care.

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Hamas Is Regaining Political Clout as Peace Process Flags

By Rebecca Troumson

The Washington Post

A major meat-processing company and a labor union have signed an agreement that could mean a new flow of beef for U.S. consumers. The agreement's terms are confidential, but some analysts believe it could bring a boost to the industry.

The agreement was reached between a major beef producer and the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) union, which represents more than 1.3 million workers in the meat and poultry industries. The union said the agreement would affect only the company's operations in the United States, but the terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

The union has been involved in several disputes with processors over working conditions and wages in recent months. In one case, UFCW locals in Chicago and Chicago Heights, Illinois, went on strike in May 2018, demanding higher wages and better benefits.

The new agreement comes as the beef industry faces challenges from rising labor costs and competition from imports. Some analysts believe the agreement could help the industry maintain its market share.

The agreement's terms will not affect the company's operations in Canada or Mexico, where the company also has operations. The company's CEO said the agreement would help the company remain competitive in the global market.

The company said the agreement would not affect its plan to expand its operations in the United States. The company currently has five processing facilities in the United States, with plans to build another in Texas.

The union said the agreement would not affect its plan to negotiate a new contract with the company in 2020. The current contract expired in 2018.

VMI's First Coed Class Confronts Glaring Rat Training Schedule

By Peter Finn

The Virginia Military Institute's first coeducational class entered the school's Radcliff Barracks Wednesday afternoon, and a crowd of upperclassmen created a temporary shortage of burger as the rats, as freshmen, took their place under the VMI honor code.

At 1 p.m., the rats, fresh from being inductees into an army of sons of colonels, and their shouts of "You're Dead!" could be heard throughout campus.

A slow ominous drumming began, and the so-called cadets—a select group of nearly 100 upperclassmen who will train the rats—marched to the barracks courtyard, projecting machismo as tight as their top buttons. The cadets' line halted at the two lines of rats, half turning left and half right to face the blashing freshmen.

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"Enough new information has come to light that we are ready to take action," Glickman said at a hastily called news conference.

The move expands upon a 1.2 million-pound hamburger recall at Hudson Foods announced last week. That recall was ordered after federal investigators determined that the company had not used in the burger-making process batches of raw meat used to make those restaurants may experience temporary shortages of burger, the company said.

Several hundred people were present for the ceremony, including the company's CEO, who said the agreement would help the company maintain its market share.
Letters To The Editor

Extrontions Fail to See The Scope of Intelligence

If we, the best and the brightest, do not carry the torch of technology to a new age, who will? If we do not challenge our elders, who will be able to segregate us from those who would poison our bright dream? Do we want society to become an extension of this progression?

Some of those who sympathize with many of the things the Extropians say and someone who often has to fight against my own tendency to look closer at the prophets, how these things judge in a moment, I think I am well qualified to comment on this philosophy.

The tragedy of the Extropians is their failure to understand the scope of human intelligence. Their model of the intellect has only one variable, with values from mathematics and logically ideal to god-like understanding of theory and reason. They give the sciences various values — we can be sure that the mathematics, the physics, the chemistry can stand alone, and biology a long way behind. Literature and art are presumably barely edging out the maths — except for the grants of the arts. Literature and, of course, classical music. But don't expect yoursubtype of appreciation for the finer points. I wonder, when they see a "To" better your standing.

Ender Wiggin as their shining example of what we can achieve without actually understanding and accepting Ender's Game. While writing is of course subject to different interpretations, I think that none of us would fully accept the problem and actually see one of pure reason and drive. While it may be true that Ender excels in these same Extropians of virtus, his greatest victory is one of empathy. At the end of his war, he understands his enemy, he forgives him, and he can be able to communicate with his enemy. This is a triumph of empathy. His intellectual tri-umph has enabled him to defeat them, but this destructive act brings him only grief.

The purpose of the Extropians is to bring the glory to their own and not to women and minorities. If we do not learn to cherish, who will? If we do not learn from them, we may learn our own undoing. The Extropians' victory is one of us, and we may become more outraged. Their pamphlet is infinitely arbitrary and unethical. The constitution of the school allows for independent living groups to call freshmen at home, invite them to summer events, and send them detailed packages about their houses. It can ensure activities an equal shot at attracting freshmen in the ASA summer mailing.

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Second, start thinking about your MIT exit strategy. What sort of life do you want to build for yourself? Where do you want to live and what type of people do you want to find yourself working with? What classes will give you the real-world skills that you need to communicate well and work in groups? Who will you talk to about your career? When you're answering these questions earlier can help you prepare for the time you graduate, and it may even speed up that day.

That's about it for my advice to incoming students. Groom yourself properly, live a good, diverse life, don't overstress, and think early about your long-term life plans.

At Home, Stay Out of Trouble

Column by Stacey E. Blu

Letters To The Editor
During Rush, Think Long-Term but Have a Great Time

Column by Douglas E. Heilburger
Associate Editor

Let the rush begin!

No, I won’t be the one saying that at Killian Kick-Off tonight; Interfraternity Council President Idolo Gilon ’98 will have the distinct honor (and perhaps the extra honor of saying it in Johnson Athletics Center for the first in a long time if the weather doesn’t clear up). But it’s a thought that almost every upperclassman involved in any aspect of rush has been preparing for for months.

For those living in any fraternity, sorority, or independent living group, this weekend is the absolute most important one of the year. The reason is simple: Without new freshmen to pay the bills, the house will either go broke or all the existing members will pay more to live there. Thus, ILGs are willing to spend exorbitant sums of money on lavish events — including lobster and steak dinners, professional comedians, trips to the beach, and paintball games.

Rush is also extremely important for the Institute. MIT lacks enough dormitory space to house all of its undergraduates (let’s not even talk about graduate students), so MIT depends on ITS ILGs to take up the slack. Over time, this dependence has led to the elaborate Residence and Orientation Week that you go through now, in which all freshmen arrive about two weeks before the first day of classes to get a crash introduction to MIT and, most importantly, to select where they’ll live for the next four years.

That’s why, if you’re male, you’ve received countless glossy brochures from fraternities (and, like everyone else, a somewhat nice non-glossy brochure from all the dormitories combined, provided by the Office of Residence and Campus Activities). It’s why you’ve been receiving countless phone calls from fraternities — ranging from the engaging to the mildly grasping. And it’s why, starting tonight, you’ll have a whole 24 hours to engage yourselves in the fraternity system before dormitories are even permitted to actively court you.

That’s right — there won’t be any dormitories at the kick off of rush tonight (except for the language houses). Why? Basically, MIT prohibits dormitories from “grabbing” fresh like fraternities can because of the inevitable dormitory crowding that would result if too few freshmen pledged fraternities. Hence the special benefits for fraternities.

For the record, you can in fact visit dormitories tonight; they’re just not allowed to poster or advertise outside their premises or come get you when rush starts.

Now, you might ask, “What’s the purpose of this column besides to relay things that most upperclassmen already know and that you’ll soon know?” Well, basically, there are a few things that I wish I had known a year ago when rush started that I’d like to pass on to you.

First, be yourself. I know that everyone’s going to say this during the next few days, but it’s never going to be more important for you during your time at MIT. After all, ending up in a place that you really don’t want to live for the next four years just because you wanted to “fit in” for one weekend really isn’t an optimal situation. Yes, it is possible to deplete, but it may not then be possible to get your first-choice dormitory. And the process of picking up and starting again in a new place because you made a wrong decision about where to live when you got here — be it at an ILG or a dormitory — may prove too overwhelming once the stresses of the term set in.

The “be yourself” advice goes for the living groups as well as for the freshmen. One of the problems that I saw during rush is that it’s sometimes difficult to see the true character of a place through all the planned events. If you find that a living group is evading your questions, it’s probably not the place for you. Living groups should be just as open in their responses to your questions as you are to theirs.

Second, be discriminatory. Those books sent out by living groups over the summer look a lot like the college viewbooks I remember getting in the mail about two years ago. Indeed, the whole process is similar. Think about the long term. Is this group of people the group that you want to be affiliated with in a year, in two years, when you see your friends from high school, your parents? Similarly, think about what you gain when you join the group. Is it worth the responsibilities that you may be asked to take on in addition to your classes?

These are difficult questions but ones that you don’t want to be thinking about in three or four weeks once rush is done and you’ve discovered just how you’re in the wrong place.

Keep in mind that you do have ways out if you find yourself in a bad situation after R/O has concluded and the term has started. But you should nevertheless try your best to find the best place for you that you possibly can; making sure that that happens should be your primary focus over the next couple of days.

Third, meet people. As I learned after rush ended, this week is truly one of the few chances of meeting others that you’ll have to meet people from other living groups. Most of us who have been here a while have developed strong ties to our living groups and activities and don’t have a lot of chances to meet other people.

Finally, have fun. Although rush puts a lot of stress on you, at least it’s a fun stress period. After all, when else can you eat for free all day and meet a thousand new people, each with their own diverse backgrounds and interests? This weekend is, in many ways, the busiest one of the year. It’s the only time when almost everyone has nothing to concentrate on but the fun of meeting people and settling in for a new year. Enjoy it while it lasts.

You want to Project MOYA and In The City yesterday.

This evening, rush will be begin for you.

Perhaps you’ll go on an Orange Tour tonight.

Maybe you’ve decided you don’t want to take part in rush and plan to run as far away as possible from Killian Kick-Off.

Want to write a column for The Tech about what Residence and Orientation Week has been like for you so far?

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Off Course

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Since we have the monolith here, we might as well find a use for it.

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What if we make a sculpture and put it in Kresge Oval?

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That's what the school needs more of.

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We'll call it: Really Big Paper Weight.

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Rhino Man Recap (First printed 4/15/97)

Rhino-Man! Thank god...! Are you okay?

I have no feeling above my waist, but otherwise I'm okay.

Those burns look pretty serious. We should get you to a hospital as soon as possible, but for the time being the first-aid kit in the chopper will have to do.

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Dr. Sasori?

Dead. Crushed by his own creation.

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To be continued...

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Noun Poetry

Phallic Symbol

Sewing Thimble

Book

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RIO IS ABOUT...
HI, I'M EMILY.
I'M SOFIA.
SO WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
HEY, ME TOO!
CALIFORNIA.

WHAT WAS HER NAME AGAIN?
UM... COOL!

MEETING NEW PEOPLE...

SO THIS IS WHAT THE "FRESHMAN IS" FEELS LIKE...

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...AND GETTING LOTS OF SLEEP...

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Contact MIT Interactively Introduces Freshmen Academics

By Sharmi Ghaznavi

Following the president's welcome convocation, the class of 2001 experienced an interactive hour with Dean for Undergraduate Curriculum Kip V. Hodges PhD '92. Listed in the R/O Hitchhiker's guide as Contact MIT, the activity focused on accomplishments and contributions of MIT individuals in the past, and the potential for freshmen to make their mark.

"What's most important is not how much people have done at MIT but what you will do," Hodges told freshmen.

In a unique interactive approach, Hodges led freshmen in their first experiment at MIT. The mock experiment was introduced as a standardized test for evaluating incoming classes at different institutions.

The test, purporting to judge incoming classes by the qualities they make, resulted in popping out for the California Institute of Technology, and out of hot air for Harvard University.

A slide at the front of the room showed a decibel meter, and in the spirit of competition, freshmen were encouraged to beat the prior trial of the experiment. Shouts and cheers filled Kresge, and the pointer on the decibel meter went off the scale.

Hodges emphasizes teamwork

As a follow-up to the experiment, Hodges invited a volunteer from the rear of the auditorium to shout. The decibel meter didn't register any effect. Hodges requested the remaining freshmen to aid the volunteer, and this time the pointer went off the scale.

"Something you can do more effectively, collectively, as a group," Hodges said.

The lights were raised, and Hodges called out status and names, providing freshmen with a taste for the diverse group that they are.

The emphasis on collective efforts paved the way for an introduction to academics at MIT.

Hodges began by introducing freshmen to the new online versions of the Freshman Handbook, the Bulletin, and the Advising and Academic Page. This was followed by a discussion of the usual concerns of freshmen, mainly what classes to take, and what major to declare. Hodges assured freshmen that these questions will be answered over time.

"This first year is the year to find out this information," Hodges said. "Your number one resource is you." Hodges told freshmen, while also emphasizing that the academic experience is a partnership between faculty and students.

With regards to stress, Hodges told freshmen, "This is where you work hard. Here at MIT, hard work is valued, is a core value."

"This is a spectacular place to have fun," Hodges said. MIT is not "all work and no play."

As a final note on education, and his role as a professor, Hodges quoted William Butler Yeats: "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire... and I am a first-rate pyromaniac," he said.

Freshmen challenged to write

In his conclusion, Hodges issued a challenge to the class of 2001. In reference to The End of Science by John Horgan, Hodges asked freshmen to challenge the idea that we are at the end of empirical science.

"Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to write a ten-page paper on the topic: science - the endless frontier," Hodges said.

According to Hodges, the papers are to be submitted on February 2, 1999. The individuals with the ten best papers will be invited to give an oral presentation, and the top five of the oral presenters will be given five hundred dollars each. An symposium for the winning papers is scheduled to take place sometime during the spring semester.
President Charles W. Vest's Welcome Address to the Class of 2001:

"What on earth is this guy rambling on about—are today, wondering, a you are right now, I'm up here in the air, charged with the responsibility to explain to you and recall, in a way you can't grasp, how fabulously you have really been given at MIT, nor had it been written by anyone or anybody, nor would it have been given here at MIT by the novelists and poets of choice in you. Each and every one of you is a member of the IT Class of 2001 because we know that you have the intellectual capacity, the energy, the imagination, and the personal will to succeed here.

Learning at MIT:

This is an extraordinary moment. But it becau se MIT always pays them the respect that the things that lie before you, and to your confidence in you and to every mind, to become a part of a tradition—and that tradition of excellence continues to be a tradition—and that is what it is made of, or what it fata l will be.

Just a quick sampling of the many opportunities for exploration and discovery that lie before you. Our shared quest to improve our understanding of the world and many other important matters will be founded upon an unceasing commitment to the ideal of learning. This means:

- learning to understand fundamental ideas and principles
- learning the skills and knowledge that will be useful to you
- learning about the historical, social, and political settings in which ideas are embedded and decisions are made
- learning how to learn.

You have already made this commitment to the learning of a lifetime. As MIT students, and as graduates, you must renew it every day for the rest of your lives.

History counts:

By becoming a part of MIT, you have also become a part of a tradition—and that tradition has become a part of you.

You have a remarkable opportunity to get to know— and learn from—many of the world's best minds. You will stack up against any group of first-year students in the world. Thirty-eight percent of you are women. Twenty-five percent of you are students in the world. One who else have talents, abilities, and aspirations that you will over come these feelings. You have been given at IT, nor had it been written by anyone or anybody, nor would it have been given here at MIT by the novelists and poets of choice in you. Each and every one of you is a member of the IT Class of 2001 because we know that you have the intellectual capacity, the energy, the imagination, and the personal will to succeed here.

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Partnerships in learning:

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President Vest, Nobel Laureate Ting Welcome Incoming Class

By Frank Dobek

A host of significant MIT figures, including President Charles M. Vest and Samuel C.C. Ting, winner of the 1976 Nobel Prize in physics, were on hand yesterday afternoon in Kresge Auditorium to be the first to officially welcome the Class of 2001 to campus.

The program opened with a skit, Tim, the MIT beaver, sang the MIT Cheer. Then, along came two students posing as Harvard University attendees whose attempt to kidnap Tim was foiled by secret agents, R/O Committee Logistics Manager Wesley T. Chao '00 and Program Manager Tom S. Lee '00, dressed like the heroes of the summer blockbuster Men in Black.

The agents then introduced President Charles M. Vest, as also Sprach Zarathustra (the music used at the opening of the film 2001: A Space Odyssey) played over loud-speakers. Applause erupted from the assembled students as a video screen displayed a scene from the film and the text: "MIT presents - The Class of 2001!"

After welcoming the freshman formally and assuring them that they had the ability to succeed at MIT, Vest spoke about learning at the Institute.

He briefly mentioned the recent Internet hoax, claiming Kurt Vonnegut delivered last year's Commencement address. The fictitious speech contained the advice to students to "enjoy the power and beauty of your youth," Vest said.

Vest next spoke on the topic of what to expect about studying and learning at MIT. He told the new class that the people of MIT are devoted to learning, that hard work is valued at MIT, and that members of the MIT community tackle important issues.

Vest speaks on history

Vest also spoke about the history of science and MIT's place in that history. Speaking of the accomplishments of many others. Vest mentioned the 28 Nobel Prizes and Nobel Memorial Prizes won by MIT alumni, and noted the accomplishments of many others.

Vest emphasized learning as a partnership. He told freshmen that their partners were fellow students as well as faculty and senior research staff. He encouraged freshmen to realize that "real life begins today, right here at MIT."

The world-class MIT faculty is maintained because MIT students are "bright, interesting, creative, challenging and fun to work with," Vest said.

The final topic of Vest's speech was diversity. He said that this class is one of the most diverse in America and urged freshmen to "explore. "Learn from each other; learn together; be proud of who and what you are," he said.

Nobel laureate Ting speaks

Following Vest's speech, Samuel C.C. Ting, professor of physics and winner of the 1976 Nobel Prize in physics, spoke about his experiences. Vest introduced Ting as an "extraordinary scientist and... leader in the world in general."

Ting presented four stories and lessons learned by an MIT physicist. The stories were of recent discoveries in physics in which Ting was involved. He advised students to take expert opinions with a grain of salt and to retain faith in themselves. "Do what you think is right," he said.

Future scientists should "be prepared for surprises" Ting advised, and students should "enjoy what you are doing and work hard to achieve your goal."

Carter provides recent perspective

After Ting's speech, Vest introduced Undergraduate Association President Dedric A. Carter '98, noting that is was time "to stop hearing from old guy."

Carter offered a welcome to freshmen from the upperclassmen and recalled his first days at the Institute. "I braced myself as a firehouse speewd forth water" Carter said of his first experiences at MIT. He exhorted freshmen to bring themselves into MIT, "Give something of yourself to the Institute," he said.

Carter continued, "You can study together, work together, and build together the future of this nation and other nations."

Carter closed by saying, "Welcome to the MIT family."

Williams offers practical advice

Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams spoke next and offered "bief suggestions on how to make the next four years as happy and productive as possible."

After telling the audience to eat well, and to take care crossing Massachusetts Avenue, Williams urged freshmen to develop themselves fully, including in terms of character, judgement, and courage.

Williams said "Learning in campus life as well as in the classroom" was important for success. He echoed Vest's earlier statements by saying, "The real world flows through MIT."

After being escorted by students dressed as Men in Black, President Charles M. Vest formally welcomes the Class of 2001.
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MOYA leaders prepared for rain

One or two students were lost, but they were eventually able to find their respective MOYA group leaders, said Sachio Minegishi '99, a member of the MOYA R/O subcommittee.

"Every coach has a map of where each student should be," Minegishi said.

In the event of rain, there had always been a contingency plan to move MOYA inside, Minegishi said.

"This is the first time we ever had to use it," she said. "We train [MOYA leaders] from the beginning for rain or shine."

Event challenges skills, creativity

This year MOYA was expanded to last for two hours. It was divided into five sections: warm-up, ice breakers, a riddle game, problem-solving activities, and the grand finale — the mess of creativity.

The warm-up included jumping jacks and stretches as well as everybody-in which the entire MOYA group had to work together to lift themselves off the floor without touching their hands to the floor.

"It's reminiscent of elementary school athletics," said Mark L. Stavros '01.

After the warm-up began ice-breakers in which group members tossed around tennis balls while calling out the recipient's name. Then the a game of cat & mouse had freshman chasing each other in the controlled setting of a MOYA group.

The next component of MOYA was a new addition designed to challenge the minds of freshmen, a riddle which included four mini riddles, the answers to which helped answer a fifth, larger riddle.

Then followed problem-solving activities including the new addition of sticks and stones. Groups were challenged to build the tallest chop-stick structure possible that could support a tennis ball.

"The event was capped off with the mess of creativity in which freshmen were challenged to express what they felt would happen in their next four years at MIT on a three by six foot area of posterboard."

Judging from the results of sticks and stones and the mess of creativity, Chan said, "it does show MIT students are really creative."

The MOYA group work was judged last night. The winners of sticks and stones and the mess of creativity will be announced at Killian Kick-Off today.

Students appreciate event

The overall impression of many students who participated in MOYA was positive.

Killian Kick-Off Would Relocate to Johnson if Rain Continues Today

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Cogliano said.

"It's too many people to have in Johnson," he said. "If upperclassmen who attend the Kick-Off when it is in Killian were allowed into the building, other events, such as the freshman picture, would also occur in Johnson in the event of rain.

R/O Survival Sessions, traditionally held in classrooms across campus, will be held in the athletic facilities in the event of rain, Cogliano said, because it takes too long for groups to move from Johnson to the classrooms and back.

At that point, "they'll go back into Johnson and it'll be just like Killian Kick-Off," only inside," Cogliano said.

Because the Kick-Off is restricted to members of independent living groups, the R/O committee does not anticipate fire code or space problems in the ice rink. "Johnson holds 2,500 people, and that's just on the floor," Cogliano said.

Members of FSILGs will be allowed inside of Johnson at 5 p.m. Members of language houses, who are normally allocated a corner of Killian Court, will enter Johnson just before rush begins, said Neal H. Dorow, associate dean for residence and campus activities and adviser to FSILGs. "We don't have an accommodation for them in Johnson," beyond that, he said.

If the event is held in Johnson, it will be the first time Killian Kick-Off had been rained out since 1985, when overcast weather forced the event indoors.

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Yesterday's rain caused several R/O events to take place indoors.
Freshmen Fed Prior to Leaving for Thursday Night in the City

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Freshmen found themselves "getting umbrellas, rain gear, and looking for restaurants nearby," he said. "Everybody is having the same problem" dealing with the rain, said Seungyong A. Lee '98 with Hanson.

Thursday event feeds students

Thursday Night in the City was conceived of last year to feed freshmen who didn't want to go out on Thursday night. "The issue is that lots of times freshmen don't go out" either "because they're physically unable" after a day of moving in or because they don't wish to for personal reasons, said Elizabeth I. Cigliano, the director of R/O.

In addition, the barbeque offered freshmen the chance to "sit around in groups and talk," she said. "The only time they come together as freshmen without worrying about being part of a group is Thursday," she said. "On Friday they have exams and Saturday they have Killian kick-off, she added. The Thursday Night in the City program also broadened the scope of activities that freshmen could participate in, said Cigliano.

Thursday Night Dinners Program "was never restricted to just dinners," said Neal H. Dorow. But because the freshman had not had anything to eat "the immediate impulse was to go out to dinner," he said.

The R/O committee changed the semantics of this. There are a number of ideas kicked around. For all intents and purposes nothing is changing: they're going somewhere and talking about MIT, residential options, and answering freshmen's questions," he said.

"Last year we did this in Johnson. Having us back here is the same thing," said Songsoon Park '97 with Hanson.

Thursday Night in the City "is about the same thing" as Thursday Night Dinners, said Chanthaboun.

Few rules govern event

The R/O committee imposed few rules the on Thursday Night in the City. Most of the rules governed when groups could come to Krege Oval. Groups "cannot be on the Student Center steps, the Barbecue pits, anywhere around Krege, in the Student Center, or in Amherst Alley" until 7:20, said Cigliano. "Because [new students are] coming from DuPont, Johnson [to Krege] it's important that those areas be clear," she said.

The R/O committee did not impose any restrictions on which groups could take freshmen out on the town. "You can just show up and take somebody, say, bowling," said Chan.

The IFC did impose some rules on its members, however. "The IFC limits male and coed groups to three groups of five people," said Dorew. "Women's groups are limited to six groups of five," he said.

The idea was "to ensure that the upperclassmen meeting the freshmen class reflected the gender demographics of MIT," he said.

Bedraggled upperclassmen lie in wait for freshmen in Krege Oval yesterday. The drenched crowd then headed out for Thursday Night in the City.

Arriving freshmen unload luggage outside the Student Center.
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