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Welcome, New Graduate Students

Tuesday, August 26, 1997

1,500 New Graduate Students Begin Graduate R/O Activities

By Frank Cadek
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Orientation begins today for the center half of the first full-time Graduate Student Orientation, organized by the Graduate Student Council, will continue through Saturday and features a variety of events designed to introduce graduate students to MIT and each other. There are about 1,500 incoming graduate students, however about 460 of those students are enrolled in the Sloan School of Business and participate in a separate orientation program. The remaining students participate in the orientation program organized by GSC.

The goal of orientation is to provide a comprehensive view of life at MIT and in Boston. "Graduate life is centered in each department. It's hard for each department to develop a comprehensive orientation," said Eva M. G. Oll, one of the coordinators of Graduate Orientation. We're trying to "make things easier" for incoming students, Moy said.

Graduate Orientation focuses on "teaching students how to be a student at MIT, with the emphasis on at MIT," said Geoffrey J. Coram G, president of the GSC. He said that the departmental orientations, which will be held later, teach students to be part of a department but not part of the Institute as a whole.

As a result, Orientation "needs to be pulled together by a central such as GSC, which is the graduate equivalent of the Undergraduate Association," said Moy.

Funding for the orientation is pre-arranged with the Graduate Education Office but all planning is done by the GSC. While the administration does not plan any events, Moy said "we don't try to step out of bounds. We have a very good relationship with the administration." A pilot office has been set up to assist in organizing orientation, the Graduate Education Office wasn't interested in organizing the event themselves but felt

Smorgasbord of Student Groups Will Entertain At Midway Tonight

By Zarena Hussain
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Now that freshmen have had the most part decided where they will live during their time at MIT, the time has come to look at the available activities which can help make that time more interesting.

Tonight, from 6-8 p.m., the Activities Midway will be held on the first floor of Johnson Athletics Center. There, freshmen will have the opportunity to sample many of the student groups at the Institute. "The purpose of the Midway is to give incoming freshmen an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the wide variety of student activities at MIT," said Association of Student Activities President, Russell S. Light '98. "After the [chaos] of residence selection, the Activities Midway gives freshman a chance to slow down and focus on something other than where they want to live," Light said.

About 160 student groups will be represented at the midway said ASAd member and Activities Midway Coordinator, Edwin A. Lavran G. Many student groups have activities to both entertain and entice freshmen. The Lecture Series Committee, which shows movies on the weekends at students at a reduced price, will be on hand to show movie previews and serve free popcorn as freshman enter the midway, said Kevin K. Lynch '96 an ISC member who will be present at the midway.

Staffers for Technique, MIT's yearbook, will be present to promote the publication. "We will give free copies to students at a reduced price," said Yi-Chuan C. Huang '99, a staffer with Technique.

The pictures will be taken using polaroid film so freshman can see the results while they are at the midway.

"[Being on Technique] is a lot of fun and you learn a lot about photography. Working on Technique helped me learn faster as opposed to

New Services Center Organizes Scattered Offices

By Shang-lin Chiang
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

MIT's new Student Services Center opened last week to great fanfare in the Infinite Corridor space formerly occupied by the Athena Fishbowl cluster. The new office is designed to allow students to conduct common transactions without traipsing across campus to many distributed offices.


The full center follows the experimental center set up last year as part of a pilot project. It was built on the recommendation of the student services re-engineering team as part of their final plan. The center offered quick access to common services such as accepting payments on student accounts, offering common financial and academic forms, and issuing official transcripts.

After positive student responses on the pilot, the pilot center was closed at the end of last semester and construction began on the new, bigger, permanent center which also offers more services. "We want to provide the best services for students, and by expanding the center, we are able to do so," said Caryn Younghold, coach of the Student Services Center team.

In addition to the services offered by the pilot center, students can now talk to an account representative about their bursar's account, sign their loan promissory notes, replace their MIT ID Card, get information about student employment, get cross-registration information and materials, talk to a financial aid officer, receive loan entrance counseling, receive a student account refund, and get a short term cash advance in addition to the services provided by the pilot project.

There are five workers at the service desks, and six workers, including the account representative, at the transitional service area, for those students who need more in-depth assistance.

Students find center convenient

Judging by the turnout, students seem to be finding the new center useful. About 1,500 students have made payments, requested unofficial transcripts, and completed new graduate student pre-registration in the center.

The center's working mission is to provide financial and academic services for all students, faculty, and staff in a friendly, accurate, and timely manner, and in a way that ideally will allow more time for pursuit of their educational and personal interests.

"I came in here to pre-register," said Pimpa Limthongkul G. "I went to the Bursar's Office. I came here to pre-register," said Pimpa Limthongkul G. "The center, Page 11

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Female Cadet Quits VMI's Rat Line

The Virginia Military Institute lost its second female cadet Sunday evening, shortly after a picnic on the parade ground where freshmen met their parents for the first time since joining the Lexington school's uniting Rat Line. Amanda Harris of Gettysburg, Pa., decided after talking to her parents and a school official after VMI's military operation fences not for her, and she had left the campus by 8:30 p.m., sources said. Messages left at the Harris home in Gettysburg went unanswered.

Deputising students are routinely asked to write a short statement explaining why they are leaving, but a privacy law, a VMI spokesman declined to say what Harris wrote.

A source said Harris left because she was uncomfortable with the right to conduct a search and seizure at her personal belongings, had been assured she would stay since late last week and that she was very excited about the thought of being one of the first female cadet to speak to her Friday to give her a boost.

VMI's first coeducational class in the school's 158 years has lost two freshmen so far this month. Though the school, which is 75 percent white, was coed for the first time three years ago.

Cuba Accuses U.S. of Biological War

In an episode that mixed Cold War rhetoric with w-c-conspiracy theory, Cuba on Monday accused the United States of sprinkling the island with the larvae of crop-destroying insects in an act of "biological warfare." The complaint of a "war of extermination"— similar to a settlement with Mississippi, and is the latest sign the U.S. has "shifted away from its historic posture of facing every legal challenge, war.

The agreement could boost the momentum of the proposed national tobacco settlement, which will take up after the summer recess. That proposal calls for the reduction of at least 50 percent of the number of tobaccoproducts in return for protection from some lawsuits. Florida's settlement with the state of Mississippi has been the national trend.

In documents filed with the United Nations in New York, Cuba also said that cables were shut off, in part because of the "war." The countries have been shut down for the last week, including two men who left the station since the June 25 collision.

Two months later, the potato crop on the Lenin farm became infested with what the Cubans called a "plague" of gnats, a hardy pest that thrives in subtropical climates.

Truth Commission Subpoenas Winnie Mandela

South Africa's truth commission has issued a subpoena for former President P.W. Botha's lawyer, who is the only woman in the commission, to testify about the disappearance of youths in her bodyguard entourage during the days of apartheid, a commission official said.

Madikizela-Mandela, who was divorced from the former president last year, was convicted in 1991 of kidnapping in connection with the 1984 disappearance and beating of four black youths; one of the boys, 14-year-old Mokete "Stompie" Steytler, died of injuries. Steytler's sister, a neighbor, was a member of the widely feared Mandela Football Club.

Instead of playing ball, the club served as a personal security force around the president's home in the black township of Soweto, south of Johannesburg, in the latter years of apartheid. Under white-minority rule, Madikizela-Mandela witnessed jailing, internment, famine, floggings and murder attempts by a succession of governments for whom her anti-apartheid activities and her famous name were a thorn in her side.

Last year, during a public hearing of the truth panel, the parents of two missing youths called on Madikizela-Mandela to tell about the disappearance of youths in her bodyguard entourage during the days of apartheid, a commission official said.

Among the many mysteries surrounding the case was the whereabouts of one member, Katuzza Cebekhuza, who was to have been a confidant and key witness in the 1991 trial but disappeared before he could testify.

• Primary and Backup Oxygen Generators Aboard Mir Fail

The crew of the space station Mir was unable to repair both primary and secondary oxygen supply systems on the problem-ridden Russian space station Monday night, and there was no confirmation that replacement gas canisters were available.

On July 1, NASA's top officials monitoring the space station were available Monday to answer the questions truthfully," Moore said in an interview. "If both the primary and backup oxygen systems fail for a substantial period, experts say, the crew would face a potentially serious problem and might have to abandon the station, according to what was initially expected. The Florida negotiations had stalled in recent weeks. But depositors of Philip Morris and R.J. Reynolds were crucial in getting a settlement, attorneys for the state said. In those depositors, both CEOs admitted — after months of secret meetings — that they had been bought off with a personal belief, not stating corporate policy — that tobacco products kill.

Far from being a spontaneous corporate change of heart, however, the agreement was weighed and worded for word in the final days at a meeting in South Beach involving state officials, national leaders general and the industry, Moore said — part of the change in heart over the terms of the earlier, "double jeopardy" settlement were Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds, and Stephen Goldstone showed a new attitude in an industry that allowed Florida — and, eventually, perhaps the rest of the country, too — to breathe.

"We were not going to the negotiations knowing we knew that they were going to answer the questions truthfully," Moore said in an interview.

Weather

Deputy Jeopardy

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Florida Settles Tobacco Suit; Fireball to Pay $3.8 Billion

By John Schwartz

The nation's largest tobacco companies settled Florida's lawsuit against them on Friday to pay the state $11.3 billion over the next 25 years to end underfunding of smoking-related costs.

The tobacco industry has conceded that Florida's lawsuit, which had been filed to pay the state $11.3 billion over the next 25 years to end underfunding of smoking-related costs, was "an important step in the process to end the climate of confrontation and litigation that has marked the national debate on tobacco-related issues.

The deal — possibly the largest agreement ever — is similar to a settlement with Mississippi, and is the latest sign the U.S. has "shifted away from its historic posture of facing every legal challenge," war.

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Mississippi, the first state to file suit against tobacco companies last Wednesday, will use its share to replace part of the apparatus that accords oxygen candles. If both the primary and backup oxygen systems fail for a substantial period, experts say, the crew would face a potentially serious problem and might have to abandon the station, according to what was initially expected.

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Genetic Defect Doubles Colon Cancer Risk, Researchers Find

By Rick Weiss

Researchers have discovered a new kind of genetic defect that doubles a person's risk of colon cancer and is present in one of every 17 American Jews, making it the most common cancer-associated mutation ever identified in any ethnic population.

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**Eugene, ISP, Concourse Offer Alternatives to Curriculum**

By David D. Hsu

Some of this year’s freshmen will elect to bypass lectures in 26-100 and 10-250 for classes in alternative programs instead.

The programs, which include the Integrated Studies Program, the Experimental Studies Group, and Concourse, presented open houses for freshmen yesterday. The programs are designed to offer freshmen an opportunity to work in smaller groups, explore new approaches to learning, and take refuge from the pressure of the large classroom setting.

Although they differ in their scope, the alternative programs share a common thread: allowing a new student a more personalized academic plan.

**Integrated Studies Program**

ISP introduced itself to new students with a picnic and their annual egg drop competition yesterday. Students in ISP take the science and math courses of their choice, and then put together engines to run in go-carts in their study of automobibles.

The classes also look at how technology affects culture and how culture affects technology, said Stallion E. Yang ’99, a former ISP student.

Students can also take ISP recitations for certain classes, said Orion A. Richardson ’99, a former ISP participant.

In addition to the new courses, ISP also emphasizes a different type of learning. The curriculum focuses on working in teams and “working in the real world,” Steinberg said.

The big difference between ISP and the mainstream freshman courses is that in ISP, the students form close relationships with people in their classes, said Marisa J. Kirschbaum ’99, also a former ISP student.

Richardson said that the number of former ISP student attending the open house indicated how strong the bonds the program helped form are, Richardson said.

ISP is limited to 40 students. ISP is holding an open house today from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in 20C-112.

**Experimental Studies Group**

Eugene offers many subjects of the freshman core in small classes of two to five students, said Nora Szaez ’99, a former ESG student and current tutor.

The classes are “scaled to people’s own pace,” she added. Students develop a “strong community,” Szaez added.

ESG students are very self-motivated and willing to learn, Szaez said. Two classes in ESG, one reading seminar and a robotics seminar, were started by former students.

FERG also differs from an alternative program like Concourse. While Concourse focuses on combining things, ESG is self-paced and self-driven, said Daniel S. Berger ’00, another former student.

Freshmen were drawn to ESG because it allows students the chance to learn at their own speed. "I like the idea of a self-paced class," said Zahra Kanji ’01. Kanji took a summer math class that covered some differential equations but also skipped over some calculus. An ESG class would suit Kanji's math needs, she said.

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Membership has its privileges.

Sure, our staffers write articles, columns, take photos, and lay out MIT's Oldest and Largest newspaper both in paper and on the World Wide Web. But we do more than that. From trips to computer and newspaper conferences to press privileges at major local events, our staff is able to attend momentous occasions, and have fun in the process.

Stop by our booth at the Activities Midway tonight and learn more about The Tech. Watch us put together tomorrow's issue, and take home a neat souvenir too.

If you can't wait until 6:00 p.m., then just stop by room 483 of the Student Center to get a sneak preview, or call us at 253-1541.
Dear Mom and Dad,
Okay, MIT is great.

Today we had to take a swim test.

But because I had breakfast at Lobdell this morning, I got sick and threw up in the pool.

All the freshmen with last names N thru Z had to take their tests some other time.

BLAUGH!!!

We "GOT" IN CASE I WENT ON VACATION WHEN I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING. BUT THE CONCEPT IS THE SAME.

IT'S A SHAME YOU HAVE TO WORK DURING YOUR VACATION. THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO ME.

REALY?

ACTUALLY, IN MY CASE I WENT ON VACATION WHEN I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING. BUT THE CONCEPT IS THE SAME.

APPARENTLY SHE WASN'T LOOKING FOR EMPATHY.

by Katy-Cat

ocean boat

long haired goat

chainsaw

by Scott Adams
just taking classes," Huang said.

Various dance and music groups will also perform on a rotating basis in Demonstration Area B, Karat said.

In addition, many campus publications and computer groups will be on hand to give computer demonstrations, Karat said.

The Assassins' Guild however is unlikely to give any demonstrations of their Friday night game of patrol. "It would be a poor choice for the Assassins' Guild to be firing their guns while they are back to back with the CPs," Karat, also a member of the Assassins' Guild, said. "They'll have to wait until after the midway is over to fire their guns," Karat said.

In addition, MIT student cable, which was unable to reserve a spot at the midway, will advertise their organization by having a roving reporter broadcast live from the event, Karat said.

The MIT press bookstores will be selling books at the midway, MIT Food Services will be serving pasta, and the Alumni Association will be distributing calling cards for free phone calls home in the lobby of Johnson.

The Student Art Association will display various works of art by students. Ceramics, photographs, drawings and paintings will be showcased. Students and faculty will be on hand to answer any questions said Edward McCluney, director of the Student Art Association. "The Student Art Association is a venue for students to express themselves in a very free way and explore the arts and their aesthetic selves in a conformable setting," said Ed S. Onitigbe '99, a member of the association.

While many of the spaces at the midway have already been reserved by various groups there is still a slight chance for groups to get a booth by showing up early, Karat said.

Student groups should arrive at 5 p.m. for setup, Karat said. At 5:50, any remaining free spots will be given out on a first come, first serve basis, Karat said.

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**Dialups and Quotas Get Faster, Larger**

By Douglas E. Heimbürger

Over the summer, users of MIT's Athena dialup servers experienced a major speedup as the four-year-old DECstations, long ago removed from Athena clusters, were finally decommissioned in favor of new Sun SparcStations.

The improvements to the system were facilitated by a variety of factors, said Jonathan Weiss '93, team leader for Athena Server Operations in Information Systems. "The loads on the DECStation dialup service that we were using recently were very high" and performance was below the minimum standard levels, he said.

In addition, DECStations have been replaced with Sun SparcStation dialup service that is "very high," he said. The ten new SparcStation 5 dialup servers each have two gigabytes of hard drives and additional one gigabyte external hard drives to store information usually downloaded off the network. All the machines contain at least 160 megabytes of RAM, compared to the 40 megabytes used in the old DECStations.

The new machines are similar to new SparcStations installed in Athena a few years earlier; "they have a lot more memory," Weiss said.

In addition, the new machines are named after MIT hacks instead of past students, "which will cost five dollars. A whale which will take place from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M., said Amy M. Smith '98, one of the instructors.

"There are varying degrees of interest in the system," Smith said. People attending the courses ranged from programmers to those unfamiliar with computer systems in general.

Tomorrow, the two classes will again be offered in 26-100. On Wednesday and Thursday, classes in Athena Mini Courses will be offered every hour from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., said Amy M. Smith '98, one of the instructors.

Multiple of these changes, however, will seem arcane to incoming students. Athena Mini Courses began yesterday in 26-100 with the goal of making MIT's computer network a bit less intimidating. In addition, Athena also saw its version increment by a tick. During the summer, Information Systems released Athena 8.1 which improves the user authentication system and third-party software.

Mathematical programs like Mac and Mathematica also now feature newer versions. Older versions of software, like the Emacs 18 release, were removed from the system.

The most visible change to end-users will be the installation of Zip drives on about 30 Athena machines across campus. Half of the new drives, which can hold 100 megabytes of data, will be located on Sun SparcStation machines, while the other half will be on Silicon Graphics workstations.

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Center Joins Many Disparate Offices

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staff here is nice and was able to answer my questions.

"We offer all the services in one location," Youngholm said. "The staff here are trained so that they will be able to answer a variety of questions or be able to refer the students accurately to someone else."

"I needed to get forms about health insurance," said Fritz A. Belusma '98. "I have been here only about three to four minutes," he said, "the staff was able to give me directions on what to do. I was able to do what I wanted to do in a short amount of time," he said.

"I came here to authorize parent billing and to take care of my scholarship check," said Christopher K. Cha '01. "It is nice to go to one place that will take care of everything."

"Students have so much to do that they shouldn't be spending their time waiting in line and traveling to different offices to conduct simple transactions," said Youngholm. "We are open to feedback and will be conducting customer satisfaction surveys.

Center brings services together

"Most of the walk-in services performed by the offices can now be done in the center," Youngholm said. "A student would rarely need to go to the other offices now."

"The offices can now be doing everything that will take care of everything." Youngholm said.

"We are also working to put together a lot of these transactions on the web Student Information System so that students will be able to get their financial status or complete simple transactions without even leaving their chairs," Hudson said.

"The center is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m."

Concourse Another Option for Freshmen

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through an interview process to make sure they want to take ESG.

Szasz said. "The center is limited to 46 students. Freshmen must take at least half their subjects in ESG. ESG academic advising will be held every day from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in 24-612.

Concourse

Concourse offers its own version of freshmen courses for its 60 students. In the Fall Concourse offers Calculus (1.8.01), Calculus I (1.8.01), Introduction to Static-State Chemistry (3.091), and Introduction to Psychology (9.00).

Concourse is typically more demanding than mainstream classes, said Director Robert M. Rose '58, professor of materials science and engineering.

Concourse classes also tend to differ in content from their main-stream namesakes. Concourse's (8.01) is a combination of 8.01 and 8.012, a more theoretical version of Physics I. Concourse's 3.091 merges elements of both 3.091 and Principles of Chemical Science (3.11), Rose said.

Concourse seeks to give students a solid preparation in physics for both physics and electrical engineering majors. Rose said. If former Concourse students say they cannot handle physics their sophomore year, then "we wasted their freshman year."

The idea of Concourse is that you help each other," he said. "If you're a loner, ... Concourse is not for you.

In mainstream lectures, students "look like they've been hit on the head with a two-by-four" before lectures, Rose said.

Whereas in Concourse, students often have animations discussed before lectures.

Visiting Associate Professor Jeremy M. Wolfe will teach Concourse 9.00 for the second straight year. Wolfe was a popular 9.00 lecturer before leaving to do research at Harvard University.

Wolfe decided to return to teach at MIT because "I love to teach," and currently lives "in a pure research job at this point," he said. Also, Wolfe said that he enjoys working in the community setting of Concourse.

Freshmen were attracted to Concourse for its community environment.

Kevin E. Dutcher '91, who came from a high school with a graduating class of 20, was interested in "just being a number," he said.

Students must audition for three Concourse classes in the fall term and two in the spring.

Concourse orientation and lottery will be held today from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in 201-221.

Answered questions, do your share.

MUSIC Department Auditions

MIT Brass Ensemble / Brass Quintets

Rehearsals: Tuesday & Thursday, 5pm - 7pm, Killian Hall. Auditions: Thursday, September 4, 5pm. Prepared solo and sight-reading required.

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 2-19. 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.

For more information contact the Concerts Office at 253-2826.
The sailing team took advantage of yesterday's sunny weather to practice on the Charles River.